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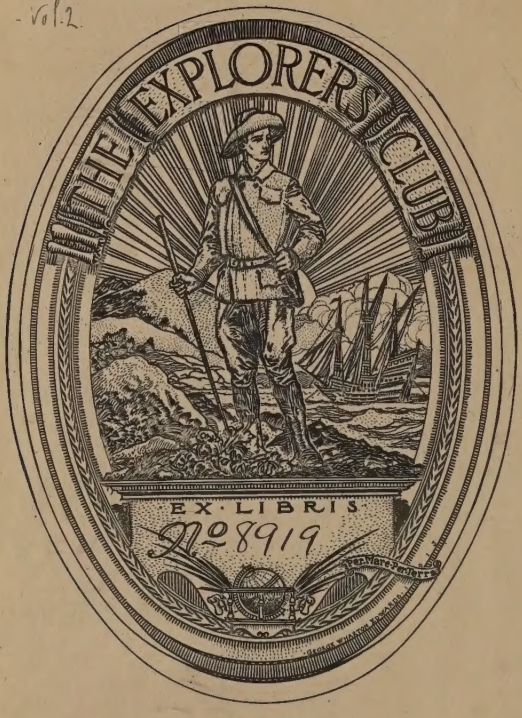

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FATHER RAVALLI

Father Anthony Ravalli of the Society of Jesus, the missionary who went to Oregon with DeSmet; who was sent to St. Mary's Mission in 1845; and who became a close friend of Owen.

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The Record of conditions at the Fort and in the surrounding region from September 1, 1865, *to December* 31, 1867

[Editor's Note. During this period of more than two years Owen made a determined though unsuccessful endeavor to put his pioneer enterprise on a basis profitable to himself. He several times altered his opinion respecting Harris, but finally brought suit against him; recovered some of his property by that legal process; and the break between the two men became final.

On various occasions he admits in the Journal that he is "discouraged," or "cramped," but that he will try to "weather the storm." He also speaks of certain unnamed influences working against Fort Owen and the Bitter Root Valley. By this allusion he doubtless refers to the growing importance of the more advantageously situated and newly created town of Missoula. There are also veiled mentions of troubles or altercations between the people of the Fort and one of these is described as "terrible." As a result of all these conditions Owen at length declares that "some change is inevitable."

While this gradual disintegration of the Fort and its human colony and attendant interests was in progress a belated recognition was given, by some of the surrounding pioneers, to Owen's services in behalf of the region. On the completion of his new mill the newspapers praised him and his work, and he records his gratification thereat. He was also elected a member of the Territorial Legislature. But he did not serve as a legislator, and the printed compliments he received had no value of the only sort that could have helped him. The truth was that the day of Fort Owen as the principal point of importance in the interior Northwest was done. This fact was due to its geographical location and to the growth of the country, and nothing that Owen or anyone else might do could alter the condition which had developed.

The Journal begins on page 7 of its volume and fills the book to

manuscript page 246. The book contains no other contents of consequence, and, before being used, had been in Owen's possession a long time. On the inside of the cover is written:]

FORT OWEN, B. R. V.
W. T. 1853.

[7] September 1865

Friday 1st Mr Winds placing the rims of the overhot Wheel into the Arms & it was a treat to See the Exactness with which the Segments went together — Raup & Carly in 3d Story putting on belting on the pullies. Nearly ⅓ of the flume is laid — Things Move on Swingly Had a Visit from the old Chief Moise Mr Bass retd from Helena. He has been out with Vegetables Sold his Potatoes for 17c pr # Butter $1.15 pr # He found groceries high Coffee 90 c & Sugar 65 & 70 ¢ pr lb. Work Cattle $125.00 pr Yoke Old Wife fishing.

Saturday 2nd Mr Winds putting the lining in our Shot Wheel. All hands busy about Something — No flume laid to day — Every one desirious to see the Mill Started by the 15" as Mr Thos Harris has bet 200 Bu. Wheat

[8] September 1865 Sunday 3rd all hands off riding — as Usual the fort Seems deserted — Writing letters

Monday 4" Considerable of the flume laid up — Election for Delegate to Congress & other Territorial — District & County officers came off [at] Stevensville — Mr Pattee up from Hell Gate — The Bro's Harris in —

Tuesday 5" Mr Ben Harris passed the Night & left this Mning for 3 Mile Creek — Mr Winds on the hopper — Raup on Hoop for Burrs — Dempeck [Devenpeck] finishd lining the Wheel Except one Section — over one ½ of the flume laid — Every thing Moves Charmingly — Evy one feels sanguine about Starting the Mill by the 15th — I trust it May be so Mrs. Roberts slightly cross to day Things in the Culinary Dept Not Working well — Killd a Young Steer for Beef — Roberts & Jno. Cutting hay —

September 1865

[9] Wednesday 6" Mr Lewis Harris in from 3 Mile Creek who had just retd from a trip to the Mines. He was unfortunate in having his teams to break down & did Not reach Helena the place he Started for in Consequence of Which the Belting & Screws I sent for did Not Come. The flume going on finely — The lining all in the over shot Wheel. The Grain received from the Smutter done — Raup put the heads of the Belting Chst in — Every thing Seems

lovely & the Goose hangs high — I shall send Chatfield to Hell gate in the Mning for Belting & Screws — The Mill Must Start by the 15 — Silverthorn helping to frame the ribs for flume — 200 Bu. Wheat pending

Thursday 7″ Mr Thos Harris in from 3 Mile Creek — Sent Chatfield to Hell Gate Raup St [————?] his Hoop — Mr. Winds finishd his hopper Dempick puttig Buckets in overshot. All Moves Well

[10] September 1865 Friday 8″ Every one being about the Mill — the over Shot Wheel done — Laid the flume over the Wheel & put in 9-foot reservoir The Saw Mill for the past few days has cut 1800 foot 2 in. Lumber in daylight Every thing Moves Well — Men are Cheerful.

Saturday 9″ Mr Dempeck too unwell to Work The flume goes on charmingly Mr Winds Says the Wheel Must turn on the 12″ "All happy"

Sunday 10″ Flume party in order to have the Water for Mr Winds have been hard at work all day. My own Men turned in with a hearty good Will & gave them quite a lift. Mrs Kinney the Mother of Mrs. Rollins got up a Nice dinner for them

Monday 11″ Flume Connection Made Carley on Belts — Winds put in Gates — Raup always on something I can't understand but his Work Shows in the End "The Wheel turned"

[11] September 1865 Tuesday 12″ Mr. Roberts was putting in the head gates Yesterday Mr. Windes let the little Water that was runing in the flume & the overshot Moved Most charmingly. Everything Works lovely — In fact I told Mr. Windes that he had Excelled himself — In fact it is a perfect Success — Sent to 3 Mile Creek for another Beef. Carley turning off the runner — Walked up to Stevensville to See Mr Houke — Had a pleasant time Mrs Vincent Very kind — "Sundry Nips" — at the Most Wise Suggestion of Mr. Houk Were indulged in Maj Graham & Chatfield Seemed to Enjoy it Very Much & the Blksmith Entered in with some spirit

Wednesday 13″ Major Graham & Myself drove out to 3 Mile Creek — Had a fine feast of Watermelons — Thos up & around — Look out My Dear Thos for Winds Says the Mill Starts — 15″

[12] September 1865 Thursday 14″ Turned the Machinery Mr Windes Sanguine about Starting to Morrow

Friday 15″ Mr Thos Harris in to See New Mill Start[1] — and it

[1] "Major Owens new mill started last evening, it grinds beautiful & makes good flour." Harris, *Diary*, September 15. Owen had lost interest in his sawmill, and on Oct. 1 leased it to Thomas B. Rollins. Letter Book.

was a triumph. Mr. Windes has certainly Excelld himself. All hands in good humor. Ground Some 60 or More Bu. Wheat. "200 Bu. Wheat due from 3 Mile Creek"

Saturday 16" Mr. Winds cleaning the Screw found it had too Much Motion The Wheat would Waste — The Mill Started again in the Evening & performed admirably.

Sunday 17" The fort deserted as usual Every body off Visiting —

Monday 18" Mr Windes again got the Cleaning Apparatus arranged & started the Mill & it Moves Charmingly — Grinding Wheat With & Making Grist Flour — reced quite a Mail.

[13] September 1865 Tuesday 19" Mr Winds has Worked the Mill Most charmingly all day — Mr Potter up from Hell Gate Mr Thos Harris in from 3 Mile Creek —

Wednesday 20" Chatfield Went to Hell Gate on Yesterday — Sherman went down this Morning Mill Not runing Mr Winds Still Making alterations in the Cleaning apparatus Put a Smaller pully on Smutter in order to increase the Motion. Chatfield retd.

Friday 22 Major Graham & Myself Drove up to See Lafontain's Ranch & retd Much pleased with our visit [t]here. Fine Wheat Crop & the Potatoes look Most luxirant —

[14] September 1865 Saturday 23 The Mill Moving a part of the time A pair of Jew peddlers With laces &c &c Made their appearance Money being short they were Not very Well patronized — The Mill Works lovely — Chatfield Making last improvement in the appearance of the rear Yard.

Sunday 24" Louis Clar[?] & Lady down from Chateau De Lafontaine Peddlers busy all day Selling [————?] to the Women folks.

Monday [2]5 the Mill runing Well Mr Winds made granery & spout for Toll Wheat Mr Louis Harris[2] in from 3 Mile Crek —

Tuesday 26" The Mill idle for Want of Wheat. Raup dressing up lumber to Enclose Smutter Mr Winds getting out Some Sash.

[15] September 1865 Wednesday 27 Mr. Ben. Harris in with grist for Mill. Chatfield gone out to 3 Mile Creek for Some unbroke Mares.

Thursday 28" Wrote a long letter to My friend Tom Adams in reply to two recd from [him] by Yesterday Mail — Nine Pipes an Ind brought Some 15 Bu Wheat to the Mill Which George Says is the

[2] Lew Harris was a brother of Thomas who had recently come out. He started a store at Stevensville.

best & cleanest Wheat he has recd Since the Mill Started. It Made Beautiful flour. Mr. Winslot[3] & Some friends down from Stevensville. Went all through the Mill Saw it Working and admired it Much. Maj Graham gone out to 3 Mile Crk for the purpose of joining Mr. Ben Harris & going out to prospect a quarts Lode found Some time ago. The cropping are good & we thing it May turn out Some thing at least we hope So —

[16] September 1865 Friday 29" Took a Walk up to Stevensville. Quite a Number of Strangers here. Report that Prest. Johnson has been assasinated. I give No Cr to the report. Mr Bacon Expressman here by Whom I sent some letters to Portland & Elsewhere

Saturday 30" I took a ride with My old Wife up to Lafontain's & had a very pleasant time — Mr Lafontaine has a lovely place at the head of Canon out [of] which Mill Crk flows The Warmest & Best Sheltered farm I have Seen in the Valley The Vines were still Green & of a Very rich growth — His Wheat is very fine & promises him a fine harvest — Say Nothing about Laftonaine's farm & Crop's — his old Bourbon was truly refreshing & Sundry [nips] were truly refreshing & invigorating — Irving is a com[————?] lovely fellow —

[17] October 1865

Sunday 1st as usual Every body off & the fort quiet

Monday 2nd The Mill remains idle for the Want of Wheat.

Tuesday 3rd Majr Graham left for Deer Lodge accompanied by big Horace. Mr. Thos — Ben & Louis Harris in — The Elder Bro has Bought of Mr Cauley quite a large stock of goods & is Now opening store in the Valley[4]

Wednesday 4 Took a ride with My old Wife to Stevensville to See Miss Winslott & Mrs Dobbins Had quite a pleasant time took dinner With Mrs Dobbins Mr Lew Harris opening quite a stock of Well Selected goods I trust he will find ready Sale & living profits. I Wish the Enterprise Well — But I have My fears. Time will tell

[18] October 1865 Thursday 5" Mr Louis Harris opening

[3] J. W. Winslett came to the Bitter Root in 1863. He settled soon after at Stevensville where he established a store. Leeson, *opus citra*, p. 859.

[4] "To day I got home from Gold Creek Sold my load of Vegetables to Mr Conolly I bought his Stock of Dry goods Clothing Boots and Shoes in fact I have a general assortment of most every thing and I now commence the murkaltine business at Fort Owen or near there." Harris, *Diary*, October 2.

"Lewis has the goods all opened and is doing well Selling at a fair profit." *Ibid.*, October 5.

his Goods — Mr Thos & Mr Benj I understand now in — But Neither of them Called to See Me How times have changed — The Bros. Harris I hope will Not ignore the[ir] friends — Who Made them — Where did they get their gilding — Mr Thos. W. Harris once the resident in charge of Fort Owen did Not condescent to Call to day — How Soon People forget when they get their gilding — It is all Well — May they prosper & be happy — Who opened Three Mile Creek? Fort Owen — Where did their improvements — Lumber &c come from Fort Owen furnished them While the proprietor & founder was absent East on business[8] — What has the fort farm Ever paid? until the present year — Not a Cent. In fact the farm fell in debt —

[19] October 1865 Friday 6" In Scaning the Notes of Yesterday in regard to three Mile Creek I can ask one other question — Where was the proprietor of Fort Owen during the Year of 1863 — Where did three Mile Creek get their plow teams & Stock to break the land? Who in the interim was in charge of Fort Owen! Mr Thos W. Harris the Now Lord & Manager of a large farm — [with] Large herds of horses — [and] hornd Stock — & sheep was quite poor a few Years ago — No Man living Has tried to See his friend & Neighbor [prosper?] to the detriment of his own interests More than I have These things to Some May appear Small & trifling. But to Me I Must Say it is different — & have Causd Me hr's of the greatest disquietude — "Roll on — Roll on" The Notes of Yesterday & to day have been pend in My Cool & reflecting Moments

[20] October 1865 Saturday 7 Mr Thos W. Harris wife & Sister in in a Visit Mrs. Bass rode up with them. Affairs not going on very well at the New Store of Mess Harris's Bro — Mr. Thos W. Harris placed Mr Chatfield in Charge & gave him the Key — Miss Emma Blooming as Ever.

Sunday 8" Mr. Tom & his Bro. Ben. Harris in from three Mile — The indiscretion of Mr Lewis Harris which placed Mr. Chatfield in chg of the New Store [his brothers?] are about to adjust in the Most brotherly & honest Way Lewis is quite young and it is to be hoped that he will do better for the future — The affair has been placed in My hands by his Elder Bros & to Morrow they are to be in again when I trust they will See Lewis reinstated & in chge of the Establishment again. I shall do all I can to Quiet the thing.

[21] October 1865 Monday 9" Sherman left bag & Baggage

[8] Owen's first outspoken expression of distrust and reproach of the stewardship of Harris.

Plate XIX

JOURNAL ENTRY OF MAJOR OWEN

The Journal entry marking the beginning of the estrangement between Owen and Harris, who had been placed in charge of the Fort and Owen's interests during the pioneer's extended absence in the East. This passage was written nearly a year before Owen's appeal to the law and the final break between the two men.

Several long communications in the Letter Book deal with this phase of Owen's career.

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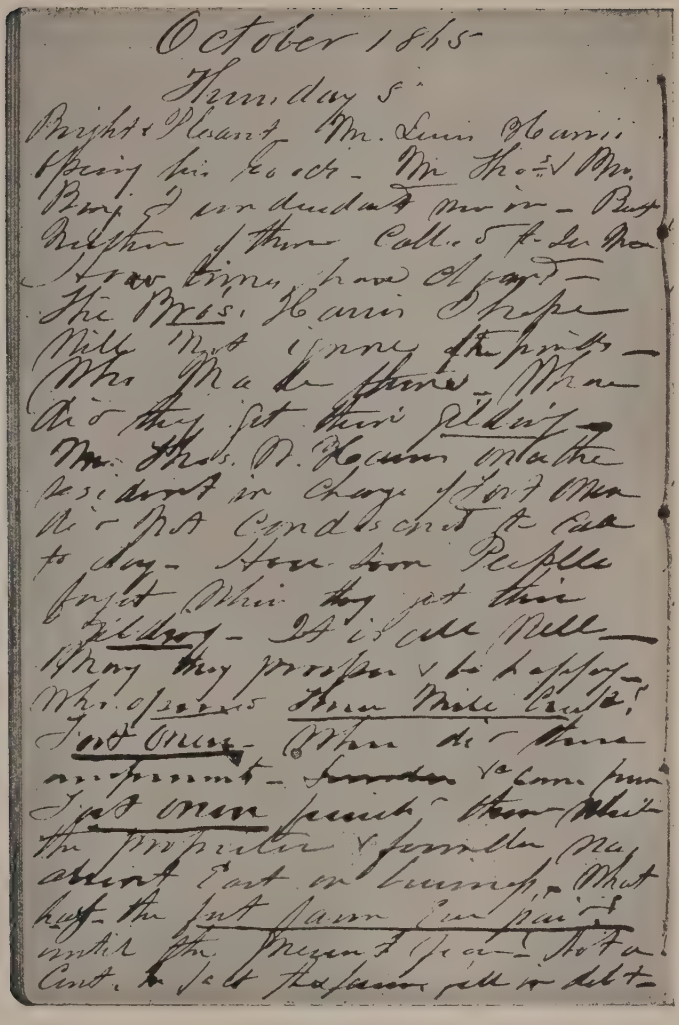

October 1865

Sunday 8

Bright & Pleasant. Mr. Lewis Harris
opening his Store. Mr Thos & Mr
Benj. J conducted Service. Rev
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The Mrs. Harris & Hospe
Nelly Not gone to the prize.
Who Made Home. What
do they get their Living
Mr. Thos. D. Harris Master
Assistant in Charge of Fort Mon
roe. Rt Conducted the Ser
to day. How can People
forget Christ, they get their
Living. It is all Well
Many may prosper & be happy.
Mrs. Spears Miss Mike Capt.
Fort Monroe. Where do Those
Merchants. Sunday Volunteers
Fort Monroe Sunday. Those that
the Proprietor & Family Re
ceive Eat or Lunch. What
have the Fort Farm Employ
ment. The Mayor of Norfolk
Va. Not a
Cent. to Set the Slaves all at Liberty

for his ranch on the other Side of the river — He is going in company With Raup in farming — I trust they will do Well for they are deserving Men — The Bros Thos & Benj. Harris in from 3 Mile Creek — Had a long interview with Mr Benj Harris — "Entre Nous." Mr. Thos Harris to day Evinced for Me the feelings of a Bro — I fear I have been unkind in My remarks of the 5" inst & in atoning only have to Say I am Sorry that I suffered My pen to record My feelings as I thought I found them. I am Satisfied I was wrong — I have always treated Thos Harris as My child he has been With Me a long time & Enjoyed My Entire Confidence — To day I feel convincd that My record of the 5" inst Wrong "Louis I Harris again installed & in full chge of the Store"

[22] October 1865 Tuesday 10" The Mill ground Some 20 Bu Wheat Yesterday but is idle for the Want of grain The thrashing Machine we have been looking for during the past week Not Yet arrived — Rode out to 3 Mile Crk. Passed a Very pleasant day With Mrs Lucinda Harris & Daughter Emma & the Ball. of the family Miss Emma had for dinner a very Nice & inviting dish of Stewd Tomatoes — Thos & Myself indulged in a "couple" of glasses fine old cherry Brandy — Mrs Harris Seems lost for Want of Society — I fear she is worrying herself about the loss of property by the late Cruel War — She has always been used to having a large house & family — over which she Was Supreme Mistress With all the Blacks she Wanted for house or farm purposes & Surrounded with Every Comfort one could desire — Here she says she finds it different — Proud of her Sons &c &c

[23] October 1865 Wednesday 11" It was late last Night when I got in from 3 Mile Creek — accompanied by Mrs Thos W. Harris. What was My Satisfaction Say Nothing about pleasure & agreable Surprise when I found Sixty Bu of Wheat had arrived from Hell Gate and had been converted into flour pleasing the parties that had brought it 30 Miles to have [it] made into flour — It takes but a short time for us to comit a few 100 Bu. Wheat into flour with our present Mill — Although Strong influences are working Against the interest of Fort Owen & the Bitter Root Valley generally in the Hell Gate district still I hope the Bitter Root will be Not only independent — but will hold her own in Every particular — Sectional feeling I want to freese down — But the Bitter Root shall stand upon her own Merits — In any Event This Valley will Make her Mark

[24] October 1865 Saturday 14" I have been absent a few days on a trip to Hells Gate — Mr. Thos W. Harris & Myself

started down in My little spri[n]g Wagon on Thursday Morning & reachd Hell Gate in the Evening & was Kindly recd & handsomely entertained by Capt C. P. Higgins. Found a Very interesting Miss Higgins there a sister of the Capts who came out last summer from the East. Rode up to Missoula[6] a New town being built up through the Energy & Enterprising Spirits of Mess Wordin & Co. They have already up and running a large Saw Mill & the Burrs & Machinery for a flouring Mill. They are building a large Store room — More room — shops & dwelling houses — It is situated just below the Mth of rattle Snake Creek a tributary of Hell Gate — I reached three Mile Creek last Evning & passed the Night With Mr Harris — The Thrashing Machine was up & in operation & doing Good Work—

[25] October 1865 Monday 16" The belting I brought from Hell Gate answered the purpose admirably — So We are all right for Grinding when the Wheat comes in — The largest holders of Wheat in Hell Gate are asking $8.00 per Bu & No doubt but they will realize it for Seed. Flour is commanding $20.00 pr 100 # which is about the Same — Mr Winds finds the Bolt runs too fast — Some Mistake about the driving wheels having been Made in St. Louis. So he has Commenced Making a Cog Wheel for Shot Shaft that drives the Bolt & [————————?] Screen.

Tuesday 17" George overhauling & ballancing runner — A Six horse team loaded with Wheat from French Town arrid.

Wednesday 18" The Thrashing Machine will be in this Evening — The Wheat on 3 Mile Creek did not turn out so well as was Expected. Mr Johnson down —

[26] October 1865 Thursday 19" Mr Winds has Made a happy change in the feeding of the Burrs — He is proud of it. He has contrived What he calls a Sleeve Made of tin — that passes down through the Eye of the runner & Surrounds the Silent [?] feeder that prevents the Stones from choking — It is a Marked Change in the running of the Whole Machinery — The Bros' Harris in from 3 Mile Creek With two loads of Wheat — Baron O'Kieff the owner & proprietor of the thrashing Machine up from Hell Gate — Passed the Night —

Friday 20" Baron O'Kieff left this Mning — The Machine is here & thrashing Chatfields Wheat. The Wheat I find is falling far short of what the growers anticipated The Crop on 3 Mile Creek fell short of the Estimate some 500 Bu. Rumors calculated to Es-

[6] Missoula, called Missoula Mills at first, was established in 1864. Woody, *opus citra*, p. 103.

trange Me from one who has Enjoyed My Confidence for Years. [NOTE. Owen here probably refers to Harris.]

[27] October 1865 Saturday 21st left in Company With Mr Thos W. Harris for Hell Gate was Kindly recd & entertaind by Capt C. P. Higgins

Sunday 22nd Capt Higgins drove me down to French Town in his Ambulance — Saw Mr. Tipton & his young Wife Took dinner with him & retd to Hell Gate —

Monday 23 Mr Harris & Myself retd home Found at the Fort on My entering Mr Percy the collector of Internal revenue & two depty U. S. Marshal Rumour Says that the Marshals have warrants for some of our Citizens who have been indicted for Selling Whisky to Indians — as well as defrauding the Govt. in sending to the Collector an incorrect Statement of their income — No Knowing What the Morrow May bring forth —

[28] October 1865 Tuesday 24" The revenue collector & the Marshall left this Mning for the upper part of the Valley. It look very Much like Winter to day. We are in hopes however that the present cold spell will Not last Many days. Chatfield putting away the Potatoes The Grain & Potatoe Crop turning out lightly — only 156 Bu. Wheat & Some 200 Bu Potatoes — The Cabbage some 2500 head are fine & far the Most Valuable portion of the Crop. Averaging some 8 lbs Ea & Worth 20¢ pr lb in the field — Our Eastern people would think a $1.60 high to give for a head of Cabbage — The improvements at Rattle Snake under the direction of Mess Worden & Co are going on briskly Their New Store will be ready for the large stock of goods they have on the ground in the course of another Week — We require a Bridge across the Hell Gate & I trust it will be built the present fall & coming winter

[29] October 1865 Wednesday 25" Mr Percy Dep. Collector U. S. I. R. & Dept Marshall Beidler[7] retd late last Evening — Dept M. B. Made one arrest above & left the prisoner in chage of Depty M. Lawrence — Mr. Johnson of the House of Johnson & Co. Suddenly disapd Monday Evening — He heard of the Arrival of the U. S. Marshal's & having understood that an indictment had been found against him he did Not care to Meet them. One of his partners Mr Winslott came down to see Me Yesterday — I frankly told him that I thought it a bad Step for Johnson to try & Evade the U. S.

[7] J. X. Beidler, generally known as "X," was a terror to law violators. Judge Lyman E. Munson in Montana Historical Society *Contributions* (Helena, 1904), v., p. 210.

Officers — In fact it was circumstantial Evidence of his guilt I advised Mr. W. to send him Word to that Effect for if he did not Make his appearance that they would certainly Seize his goods Store them at the fort & close the store. So this Morning he was forth coming — $1000.00 in clear dust was deposited this day for Mr Johnsons appearance at the Next Session U. S. D. Court. — "X" Satisfied —

[30] October 1865 Thursday 26" The Mill stopd for Want of Water. Tallman Made his Escape from Depty Lawrence X Beidler rode up to Willow Creek & Seized Tallmans Stock & drove it down to the fort last Evening — We are all happy

Friday 27" The Depty Marshall & dept. Collector gone up to Lafontaine — They are doing up things here With Considerable determination Carly & Rollins gone above to turn in More Water. Thos W. Harris in with two loads of Wheat. The Mill is crowded.

Saturday 28" The Mill crowded with Wheat George is Not satisfied with Water he has gone above to turn more in

Sunday 29" Geo. has plenty of Water & is grinding. The people are crying for flour — The U. S. Msh'l & collector left yesterday — Chatfield gone to Hell Gate

[31] October 1865 Sunday 29" The Ice is fast Melting around the Wheel of flume. Mrs. Lucinda & Mrs Thos Harris in. yesterday shopp'g The U. S. has quite a band of stock as collateral Security for the appearance of the owners before U. S. D. Court Next June Indictments had been found against parties for Selling Whisky to Indians I trust we May have a Month of good Weather yet. If Not parties will be Very short of flour. Mr. Ben. Harris in with Load of Wheat. The Mill is crowded —

Monday 30 The Mill runing finely — Chatfield retd last Night late recd an old time hand clock from Wordin & Co. — Ben Harris in —

Tuesday 31" Carley ran the Mill Nearly all last Night. Mr Ben. Harris in to Mill Mr Winds overhal'g burrs for [————————?] Chatfield Killed Hog — "Mrs Zugner installed"

[32] November 1865

Wednesday 1st all hands busy Making preparations for the party in honor of the completion of the Mill which comes off to Morrow The hen roost has suffered terribly to day — you Never Saw a Set of Women More in Earnest than those in the fort do. Every one anticipates a Nice time The Mill Warming has been talkd of so Much that My only fears are that Some Will be disappointed —

Mr Winds is getting up the Ball room Chatfield looking closely after the Culinary Dept. Yellow Legd chicken — Nice pink Pork — In fact those being in a More civilized part of the country would be astonished to See What Fort Owen can do when turned loose — To Morrow Night all anticipate a very pleasant time & I truly hope that their Most Sanguine anticipations May be realized May the Mill Warming be in Keeping with the Mill Wrights triumph

[33] November 1865 Thursday 2nd all hands at Work preparing for the Eving. Mr Winds has his Ball room floor done & is festooning the ceiling & Walls with Evergreens. It Look Well.

Friday 3rd The Mill Warming party passed off Well — My old friend Cyrus McWhirk from Walla Wall was here & indulged in the Evening festivities Swivels for Wrists were found in the pockets of Sheriff Lorrabee[8] They were useful & Necessary — We have had a Nice time — All of the Ladies have left Well pleased & promise to return Chatfield thinking they had No Cabbage Heads put some in the Wagons Cabbage heads [here Owen has made a drawing of a cabbage head] sometimes are located between Shoulders What an offense — Gave a Lady a Cabbage head when she has one that she is already tired & ashamed of. "Not artistic"

[34] November 1865 Saturday 4" Some of the Ladies remained after the Mill Warming party which came off so pleasantly on Thursday Evening to attend My simple party on Friday Evening. It was the party of the Season. The crowd was Not so great & Every one appeared to Enjoy themselves hugely About Midnight the Ladies returnd — & a few Gent's With violins — guitar — & Banjo — Started on a Seranada Which all lovers of Music could not help but Enjoy. The guest's that remaind over all left this Morning for their respective homes highly delighted The Friday Evening Supper [was] gotten up under the direction of Mess Chatfield & Rollins — With their able Coadjutors Mrs Zugner & Mrs Kinney Was a perfect triumph of the Culinary art. Pies Cakes — Tarts Smothered Birds from the Hen roost & Heaven only Knows what was highly appreciated by all — "Hasty Notes" —

[35] November 1865 Sunday 5" The Mill So Much Crowded that Geo. has concluded to break the Sabbath — so he has run the Mill the Entire day Mr. Thos W. Harris in. Paid a Visit to Mrs. Winslott who was a guest of My party — she was highly delighted — So Was her little Daughter Mary — The Serenade she tells me she Enjoyed very Much — She is Naturaly fond of Music Mrs Dob-

[8] Sheriff Henry P. Larrabee of Missoula County was elected September, 1865.

bins at the Thursday Eving or More generally Known as the Mill Warming — party Made Many friend I have Seen & Met her at festive parties before — She is a queen truly — In fact I do Not intend to particularise or Criticize I was proud of the Ladies that honored the Mill Warming party & More particularly those that remained for My Simple party the following Evening Mrs Sinclair — who I have Known from child Hood & Myself had frequent Waltzes — she is a perfect Lady —

[36] November 1865 Monday 6" Carly has the Burrs up & dressing — One of the Babbit Metal Boxing Mr Winds found Was burning — from the fact of the oil Vent Not having been bored through the Cap of the boxing — Mr. Winds unshipd the upright shaft — tookout the boxing & refilld it with Babbit Metal — The Bros Harris in With Wheat — If we only had good crops The Goose would hang high & Every thing Move lovely — Nothing but the Very delicate & Mechanical Ear of Mr. Winds Would have detected any thing wrong in the runing of the Machinery — But there was a jar — a discordent Sound — that grated upon his organ of hearing that prompted the Search When to his Surprise one of the Babbitt boxing Was Melting upon the journel. The thing is adjusted & all is right once More — "Not one Word for the fair Lucretia."

[37] November 1865 Tuesday 7" Geo. has his Burrs down again & the Mill is runing Charmingly — Oh! if we only had plenty of Wheat — Well We Must Wait for the Next harvest — and if Kind Providence will only Smile upon the Efforts of the farmer & Not Visit them again with the Grasshopper Scourge I think all will be Well — The Mill is a Very desirable piece of property with plenty of Grinding — But Without it — it is like the Boy after he came in possession of the Elephant — "Too large — did Not [know] What to do With it —" Crops are So Shamefuly short that it is well calculated to dishearten a Man with More fortitude to overcome disappointment than Myself — Still I will try & Weather the Storm — One Good harvest will Set Me all right. My outlay has been considerable & Without a fair return this harvest — I am crampd

[38] November 1865 Wednesday 8" Chatfield had the Cabbage Weighed & divided There is Nearly 12000# [pounds] Mr King left With his two teams for 3 Mile Creek to load for the Miners for Mr Harris

Thursday 9" Fixing up the Wagon for trip to Mines — I have promisd Mr. Rollins 200 #s flour for his own family

Friday 10" The Team left for the Mines loaded With Cabbage &c The Mill out of Wheat Geo sweeping up the screenings Johnson & Houk team got in from Lewiston The team was looked for some days ago But it arrived to day all right Mr Pattee up from Hell Gate With Some 100 or More Bu Wheat writing letters to Senator Nesmith Mr Adams & other Eastern friends —

[39] November 1865 Saturday 11" Mrs Thos Harris Miss Emma & Ben Harris in from 3 Mile Creek — Emma is a charming Girl — If I were only a Young Man again What Struggle would I Made — Madam [Mum?] Says She Will Soon be Mrs Pattee Very Well —— Very Well —— Very Well He is too Abstemious. In other Words he is disspatedely temporate For —— Why! —— No Coffee No Tea Not Even Warm Water with Sugar in will he d[r]ink What do you call it? Mill runing charmingly With 50 Bu grist in from Mill Crk — Carley the Miller in chge seems happy — Evy Bu pays 1.00 for his a/c (account) Nancy is happy too

Sunday 12" Mr Ben. Harris in My horse Not getting in in time prevented My Starting to the Mines I shall leav in the Mning Nothing preventing — Raup in

[40] December 1865

Monday 11" retd from My trip to Blackfoot City after an absence of one Month. Mr Simms & Lady from Walla Walla whom I Met at Hell Gate accompanied Me home — We have Winter in a true Sense.

Tuesday 12" All hands Sitting Close to the fire

Wednesday 13" Mr Harris in from 3 Mile Creek.

Thursday 14" recd quite an Eastern Mail from Hell Gate —

Friday 15" . . . Ha[v]ing My Sleigh Shod — The old Shoes having Nearly Worn out — Chatfield Made a Contract for Wood for fort until 1st April $225.00

[41] December 1865 Saturday 16" recd a Very Kind Note from Miss Emma Harris — who is about to change her Condition in life. Invitations are out for her Wedding on Next Friday Evening — To a Mr Pattee a Gent. from Missoula. I trust he Will prove Worthy of the Jewel he is about to Capture — I have Known her from Childhood & I do think that she is the Making of a Nice Wife. Would that I were Young once More & as interesting as I would like to be — I would try & compromise with the parties interested — Such is life. We can't always retain our youthfulness &c —— Mrs Simms is a jewel. the daughter of Judge Mc Faddin* — of W. T. Mr. Simms

*Judge O. B. McFadden, a delegate to Congress in 1872. Meany, *opus citra*, p. 311.

is quiet & intelligent. And a favorite where he is Known — A Man of Scrupulous integrity — and No Shoddy — May he prosper & do Well —

[42] December 1865 Sunday 17" Yesterday Evening Mr Harris Sent Me in a Span of horses to put to My Sleigh & bring Mr Simms and Lady out on a Visit. But it Was too cold for a Lady to venture out — I sent the sleigh however with a few things Miss Emma had requested for Tuesday Evening —

Monday 18" Rode out to 3 Mile Creek accompanied by Mr & Mrs Simms. Very Cold to go to a party

Tuesday 19" persons arrivd at Mr Harris' from Hell Gate late in the Evening — Everything Went off Well — The Bride & Brides Maids Miss Cate Higgins & Miss Miller Were truly Charming Emma Will Make a Charming Wife And I think She has Married a good husband at least I trust So.

[43] December 1865 Wednesday 20" retd from 3 Mile Creek. The Hell Gate folks came in for the purpose of having a dance. They all Seemd to Enjoy themselves. Mrs Zugner Not pleased

Thursday 21st Folks left for their prospective homes. All hands dull

Friday 22nd Death to the Wood pile — Judge Pomeroy[10] Mr Andrews frind left for Hell Gate — Mrs. Z. again in chge of the Mess. Sold My Blksmith Tools to Mr. Atkisson

[44] December 1865 Sunday 24" The Bros Harris in from three Mile Creek — Rode up to Stevensville With them & imbibed a couple drinks of "Bourbon Syrup" Mr. Pattee retd to Missoula His Bride Not being Well remained at her Brothers — Things look dull for Christmas — Well we can Say that the Mill Warming & Wedding was Sufficient for the day thereof.

Monday 25" The Most quiet Christmas I have Ever Seen at Fort Owen — last Night Mr Chatfield fired a Salute from the Mt Howitzer — which has been about all the demonstrating Made — Excepting the health & happiness of friends far away was drank by all hands — recd an Eastern Mail also 400 feet in two Rich Lodes

[45] December 1865 Tuesday 26" The Bros. Harris in from 3 Mile Creek — Had an Oyster Supper at Mr Lou Harris's Store. Enjoyed it hugely

Wednesday 27 The Water annoying us around the fort. It is difficult to control the Water in the Creek the fall is so great. It Will freese up — run over & Spread over the Whole Country — Sold

[10] Thomas M. Pomeroy, probate judge.

My interest in the flock of Sheep to Mr. Thos Harris which Settles our private a/c in full to date [NOTE. See letters written by Owen to Harris early in 1866.]

Thursday 28" Mr Toffts[11] an artist taking Sketches of prominent places in the Mts arrivd — Mr Simms & Lady gone out to three Mile Creek on a Visit. Writing letters to Send off first opportunity.

[46] December 1865 Saturday 30" Mr Toffts the artist busy Making Sketches of the Fort Mill & other grounds — [NOTE. Tofft's picture of the Fort, here mentioned by Owen, is reproduced in these volumes.]

Sunday 31" Another Year has Closed upon us. Mrs Simms recd to day the appaling News of the loss of a find Calf She had brought along with its Mother from Walla Walla The Cow & Calf Was a present from Some dear friend before leaving the lower Country — What trifeling causes produces great distress — Alas it is So — It is Strange truly — Nearly fifteen Years of My Sojourn in these Mt. Wilds closes to day What changes hav taken place in the Mean time. Mr Thos W. Harris Now living on 3 Mile Creek has been here Nine Years — He has done Well. Has a good farm well improved & Stocked & lives in good Style & disposses his hospitality With a generous Spirit.

[47] January 1866

Monday 1st Truly the New Year Setts in pretty rough — Lucas left this Morning for Hell Gate Sent off an Eastern Mail Snowing incessantly all day. Report of a rich Gold discovery on Willow Creek Some 15 Miles above the fort — $4.00 to the Pan — Too Good to be true — I have No doubt however but that Gold will be found on the Streams putting into the Bitter root river

Wednesday 3rd Put the Carpet down in My Bed room — Bitter Root is filling up — Another Stranger. Mrs Baker gave a Birth to day to a fine Bouncing Boy. The Indians are taking fish out of the river through a hole in the Ice. &c &c

[48] January 1866 Thursday 4 Mr. Simms & Lady retd after a Weeks pleasantly Spent on 3 Mile Creek — Mrs Potter the Young Bride Not Yet gone to her New home at Missoula Thirsty for News Not having had any Mail for a long time. I see that Colfax has been reelected Speaker House of Representatives for 39" Congress The Citizens of Va [Virginia] City have held a Meeting & passed resolu-

[11] Some of the drawings and paintings by Peter Tofft are now in the Montana State Historical Library at Helena, and a number are in the possession of Mr. N. C. Kessler of Helena, Montana. They are works of real merit.

tion Endorsing the Course of Gen. P. E. Conner in his last Campaign against the Indians[12] They are Clamorous for his return to take the field again Mr. Andrews retd With Mr Harris

Friday 5" Mr. Simms rode up to the Island to look after his Cattle. Mrs Simms Not Very Well probably taken a Slight Cold from Exposure on 3 Mile Creek — Mr. Toffts busy on his Sketches which are Very Well done More particularly a Sketch of the Mill & the Mts in the Bk Ground. Mrs. S. Enjoyed her visit Much

[49] January 1866 Saturday 6" Mr Lafontaine drove down in his Sleigh for Mr. Simms & Myself to go up & pay him a Visit.

Sunday 7" retd from our Visit to Lafontaines — Had a very pleasant time.

Monday 8" Mr. Gray an acquaintance of Mr. Simms from Walla Walla Visited the fort He is Wintering his pack train above here

Tuesday 9" I regret Not having a Thermometer — I would like to Know the degrees of temperature — Stock appears to be doing Well. Mr. Simms gone up to the Island to look after his Cattle & a Cow that was Made a present to his Wife before leaving Walla Walla —

[50] January 1866 Wednesday 10" Sent out to 3 Mile Creek last Eveing for My Sleigh intending to hav gone to Hell Gate to day — But it Was too late When the Sleigh arrivd to go So I have deferd My ride until to Morrow

Thursday 11" Left in My Sleigh for Hell Gate found the road Very good & reachd Missoula City before Night & Stopd With Capt Higgins for the Night

Friday 12" Drove down to Hell Gate and passed the day With Mess Woodward Clemens & Co — Called upon Mr. Marshal and family — Took dinner & Supper With Mrs. Shockly — Snow Very Deap — Food Scarce & Stock feeding poorly Parties behind With pack trains are feeding their animals on flour which is Worth thirty Dollars per 100 lbs and a short supply at that —

[51] January 1866 Saturday 13" returnd to Missoula City — People pretty Much all housed up Except when out getting Wood Which in the present State of the Weather is Very Necessary The party I went down with have taken My Sleigh & gone to French Town I will Not Wait their return but have accepted a Seat in Mr. Pattee's Sleigh Who leaves in the Mning on a Visit to his Wife Who is still at her Brothers — Mr Harris on 3 Mile Creek

[12] General Conner punished the Indians in the Powder River Country with great severity and was recalled. Bancroft, *opus citra*, p. 693.

Sunday 14" reached 3 Mile Creek in good Season & passed the Night With Mr Thos Harris Mr Kinny & Mr Rollins with their families out on a Visit Snow deep but the Stock as Yet looks Well — What a pleasant place 3 Mile Creek is to Visit — Unostentatious Hospitality you Meet & Enjoy — "Success to 3 Mile Crk"

[52] February 1866

Tuesday 6" I reachd the fort to day from 3 Mile Crk at Which place I hav been detained on account of Snow Since the 14" last Month — Such a Storm as We had Which began on the 15 ult & lastd Several days I had Never before Seen — The Snow fell to the depth of 3 feet in the Crek — impossible to get around quite a Number of days before the Bros Harris had any Communication & only one Mile apart — Parties came out from the fort on Snow Shoes Some few days ago Mr. Harris Sent Some 50 head of Stock in & had them put on the hills above the fort Which were bare — Mr H's feed is Very low & fears that unless We have a favorable Change that he will lose considerable Stock — Mr Ben Harris came in with Me — Mr Pattee who I retd to 3 Mile Creek With has also [53] been Snow bound — He however Mustered up Courage Enough to try & Make the trip to Missoula a distance of 30 Miles on Snow Shoes — He started on Monday last — After a very agreeable detention with his Young Wife of over 3 Weeks — I find the fort Completely blockaded with Snow — Fire Wood Exhausted — Have to resort to fence rails — Folks all well Mrs Simms gay as Ever — With a Smile for Every one — Provisions low — Where our Next Beef is to come from Can't Say — The Seasons are Certainly Changing — It is truly discouraging — I fear that there will be suffering throughout the Country — Forage would bring Most any price — Benj Harris & his Bro Lewis had Some unpleasant words. Benj. greatly outraged — Says he is done. I am Sorry. for I thought I had adjusted Matters between the Bros last October Alas! . . .

[54] Thursday 8" It has been thawing the Whole Night & the fort is Nearly flooded — It Commenced raining shortly after Breakfast & Continued raining all day With Strong Wind from Sth. A rapid thaw — Streams of Water running in all directions

Friday 9" Had rather an unpleasant interview with Mr. Lewis Harris — Mr Winslot down from Stevensville. He has been out on a collecting tour previous to his partner Mr. Houk leaving for Lewiston for another supply of Goods I don't Know What to Make of Young Harris

[55] February 1866 Wednesday 14" Last Night Was a Very Cold Night — Severe Weather on Stock depending upon Short grass for Subsistence Without Shelter — Many a head doubtless will die — A Man passed up to day from Va City — reports a large Number of Men frozen to death over on Sun river — also A Mr. Schockley at Hell Gate has commit Suicide — No Particulars —

[56] February 1866 Thursday 15" Mr Toffts the artist left this Mning on Snow Shoes for Hell Gate after Sojourning here Since 28" Decr — He has taken Some Very pretty Sketches in different parts of the Valley — He does Well for an "Amateur" — He Seems to have good taste & is Without doubt a Natural Artist — Success to him in his artistical pursuits.

Friday 16" Winter Seems to hang on With unusual tenacity. We are Making Serious demonstrations upon our fencing for the purpose of fires as the Stock is too poor to break a road to the timber. Mr. Thos Harris in from 3 Mile Creek & His Bro Ben.

Saturday 17 Sent off our Eastern Mail by Mr. Houk. T. W. Harris & Bros dissolved this day by Mutual Consent Ben Harris retd home his Bro. Thos remained to invoice the Stock & turn it over to Winslott

[57] February 1866 Sunday 18" Mr. Houk With his pack upon his Back caled to Say good bye. He is off for Lewiston He has a hard trip before him of Some 400 Miles on Snow Shoes — Had a Visit from Mr Johnson & Jimmy Freeman Thawing Some little to day — Mr Simms assisting in taking invoice —

Mondav 19 Mr Thos Harris left for Home[13] — Mr Simms & Lady Visiting the family of Mr. Bass Thawing Some in the Sun. Had a closely contested game of Crib with Mr Andrews

Tuesday 20 recd quite a large Eastern Mail "Pres. Message"

Wednesday 21 Recd Notice of an Election to be held on 24 inst. for Delegates to Ter. Convention for the purpose of forming State Govt. &c.[14] Storming Light Snow falling Mr Simms says the goods cost high

[58] February 1866 Thursday 22nd Mr Bray down from Skar Ka Ho — reports stock doing Well upon the hill Sides

[13] "Since the 15th I have been at the Fort, closing out my dry goods there is on hand still six thousand dollars worth at cost prices My brother has not been conducting the business to suit me So I have turned them over to Hank & Windslet to sell on Commission for Cash & cash only there is on the books in accounts over three thousand dollars." Harris, *Diary*, Feb. 19.

[14] The records of this constitutional convention have been lost.

Friday 23rd It does really Seem as if the Winter Would Never break up. It was quite cold this Morning — Mr Simms gone out to three Mile Creek to look after his Cattle

Saturday 24" Rode up to Stevensville The Election passed off quietly — Many Enquiries for Tobacco — None to be had. Most Every one is out of the Weed. Mr Armstrong & Robinson Called to See Me —

Sunday 25" Mr Simms retd from 3 Mile — Mr Bass up

[59] February 1866 Monday 26" Suit before C. T. Parker J. P. T. W. Harris & Bro. Pltfs. John Chatfield Deft. A piece of Malice on the part of Mr. Lewis Harris Genl. Zugner fixing up to day for a trip to the Woods getting out hewn logs

Tuesday 27" Some unpleasant reports reachd My Ears as having been circulated by Mr. Thos W. Harris A Man who has Enjoyed My Confidence for ten Years — Out of Beef. The Water runing freely all around

Wednesday 28" My old Dog Bull is 12 Years old to day

[60] March 1866

Thursday 1st We have Spring by the Calendar but far from it by appearances outside There is Still a large body of Snow on the grount which Will at the present rate of the thaw require over a Month to Carry it off. Mr Jones up from Missoula & brought Me quite a large Mail The County Clerk Mr Woody writes Me that I have been Elected Delegate to Territorial Convention to Meet at Helena on 26" present Month.[15] I also learn that Mr Chas Hutchins agt for Flathead Nation has been relieved by one Col. Chapman[16] just arrid from the East via — Dalles — Wall Walla & Va City — Find No important News from the East

Friday 2" busy reading papers Mr. Thos. W. Harris in from 3 Mile Crk. A part of the Northern Wall fell down Caused by the Water & frost.

[61] March 1866 Saturday 3rd Mr. Andrews & Mr Winslot left for Hell Gate on Snow Shoes.

Sunday 4" Genl. Zugener & Companion retd from the Woods last Evening

Monday 5" It Seems as though we are Never going to have Spring. Considerable Stock is dying & Many More will lay their

[15] Montana, *House Journal of the Third Session of the Legislative Assembly. . . .* (Helena, 1870) lists Owen as a member and as appointed on committees, but he was never marked present.

[16] Augustus W. Chapman served as agent for one year.

bones upon the Hills unless we have a favorable change very Soon. A runner in from the Flathead Camp — The Inds had Made a good hunt — Had Several conflicts with the Blkfeet & Crow Inds over on the Missouri. The Flatheads lost Several Men and a Number or horses Mr Ben Harris in from 3 Mile Creek. Bought Some Hay for Which he paid 5¢ pr lb. Equivalent to $100.00 Short Ton. "Heavy feed"

[62] March 1866 Tuesday 6" Mr Thos W. Harris Sent his Sleigh in for Mr Simms & Lady to come out on a Visit — Saw them off in good Style. They Will have the usual good times one Enjoys on a Visit to 3 Mile Creek — It is quite an attractive place

Thursday 8" Mr. Winds & the General gone out to 3 Mile Creek Frose Considerable last Night Silverthorn & Bishop Brooks over from the other Side of the river. Mr Gray & one Frank ——— Called on their Way to Hell Gate. Sent off East. Mail Had a fine dish of trout for Breakfast Which was relished hugely — Having had No Meat for Some two Weeks fish now very acceptable Wrote to Senator Nesmith & Mr. Thos Adams —

[63] March 1866 Friday 9" It is discouraging to See with What tenacity the Winter holds on The farmer should be at work on his fences &c &c. Another fine Dish of Mt. trout for Breakfast. I Miss the cheerful face of Mrs Simms from the frugal board. She is a charming little Woman & So devoted to her Good Husband's interests. May Kind Providence Smile upon them as Well as upon their Efforts to Stem the Strong current of this Cold — heartless — World. Well Can one Say — That "friends are the true Thermometer by which we can judge of the temperature of our fortunes." How Smooth Everything appears to Move When one is prosperous — But let the current of affairs change — & the Very ones Most assisted by his bounty and Benevolence while Surrounded with prosperity — are the first to forsake him When adversity overtakes him. "Too true" We Meet daily Exemplifications of the above Note. Rec'd quite an interesting a/c from Mr. Thos W. Harris "Filed" [NOTE. These last few lines refer to the letter from Harris discussed and answered in Owen's letter to Harris of March 10, for text of which see chronological position under Letters and Documents.]

[64] March 1866 Saturday 10" Mr Winslott retd from Hell Gate on Yesterday — Brings No News. Notwithstanding the inclemency of the Weather Mr. Harding passed En Route for Hell Gate. Terrible day —

Sunday 11" Mr Bass up & Spent a few hours. Met with another

complimentary Puff in the Dalles Mountaineer In fact Myself & particularly the Mill have recd Several Very flattering Notices — Of Course it please[s] Me to See that My Efforts in trying to promote the farming interests of this Valley are appreciated I have Spent Some Sixteen Years here and am able to realize fully the Many great changes that have been Made and are Continually being Made — My Mill Was a great success & of course gives a Much greater importance to the farmer. For he Now Sees that his Wheat can be Made Marketable at a good figure Flour Will Command $15.00 for a long time Yet. "Per 100#"

[65] March 1866 Monday 12 " Winter — Winter Still it is Winter in the Strict Sense of the term. Sent off Petition With Numerous Signa[ture]s to Hon. S. McLean for Post Office. Intend leaving in the Mning for Helena — I have been considerably annoyed in the last two or three days at the course Mr Thos W. Harris is pursuing — Most ungrateful wretch — after the Kindness he has recd from Me during the past Ten Years — A day of retribution will come.

[66] April 1866

Thursday 12" Retd from the Mines after an absence of one Month. I was accompanied from Missoula Mill by Judge Pomeroy. Found him a very pleasant travelling companion — On reaching Deer Lodge We learned that the Gen. had posponed the Meeting of the Convention from the 26" Mar to the 9" this Mo. & the Judge & I Came to the conclusion Not to Wait. We Went as far as Black feet City however & remained there two days My quartz interest there is said to be Very rich. I hope it May be So. Mr Larrabee the Sheriff Came up With Me. He is Calling upon our Citizens for their Poll tax. Met a Number of old acquaintances While absent. On My return paid a Visit to My old Stamping ground the Jocko reservation. Was Much pleased With the Newly installed agt. Col. H. H. Chapman. The little daughter of Edwd Cowan caught fire & poor child Was literaly burned to death.

[67] April 1866 Friday 13" The Sherriff & Mr Chatfield rode out to three Mile Creek. I have been driven to the unpleasant duty of taking My horses out of the possession of Mr Thos W. Harris by writ of replevy It was Served on him to day.[17] Mr Simms in from

[17] " . . . today Maj Owen demanded of me his band of horses, which I refuse to give up until the ranch charges are paid. So sues me for them and gets them by a writ of repleavy, and all to be kept by the Sheriff until the District Court is held which will probably be next June." Harris, *Diary*, April 13.

3 Mile Creek. He & his good Lady have been out there on a visit for some time. Mr Harris in from 3 Mile Creek riding around with his double BBl. Shot gun hunting ducks on the prairie. An unusual thing for him. Edwd Conor buried his little daughter

Saturday 14" Mill runing finely Larabee gone out to 3 Mile Creek. Settled With Mr. Winds for Making Cog Wheel for runing Bolt. Parties leaving with their Cows for the Mines With a View of opening dairies &c

[68] April 1866 Sunday 15" Mr Chatfield gone to 3 Mile Creek to represent Me in the division of the Colts according to My Contract With Thos W. Harris Entered into fall 1863. The Band was brought in Numbering Some 31 head large & Small & a Sorry looking band it is when compared with What it was [in the] fall [of] 1863 When placed in Mr Harris's hands. I have Executed to the Sheriff My bond for $1000.00 & have taken possession of the animals[18] —

Monday 16" Mr Thos W. Harris & Mr Simms in. Branded the Colts. Walked up to Stevensville.

Monday 23 rd retd from Missoula after an absence of a Week — Judge Pomeroy accompanied Me After dinner Walked up to town found the folks all well business dull. Farmers busy putting in their Crop.

[69] Tuesday 24 The Revd Father [name omitted] Called on his way to Hell Fate He has been up on a Spiritual Visit to the poor Indians I trust Some good will grow out of the Spiritual Visits of the Revd Fathers — They Seem to labor Very hard for the good of the Ind but as yet No great results have been obtained — Judge Pomeroy & Mr Dyer Went fishing but retd without any results —

Wednesday 25" Judge Pomeroy & Mr Dyer left for Missoula. Had a lovely Shower toward Evening — The ground is in fine order for the Crops.

Thursday 26" George is runing the Mill. Mr Ben. Harris in from 3 Mile Creek. Was in Mr Chatfields room did Not deign to Call & See his old friend. "Straws Show which Way the Wind Blows" Cyrus McWhirk up from Missoula.

[70] Friday 27" The farmers are considerably alarmed for the

[18] . . . Maj Owen horses in the correll, will turn them over to Sheriff in the morning." *Ibid.*, April 14. " . . . Today I turned over to Mr Laribey the Sheriff Maj Owens band of Horses in all thirty five head." *Ibid.*, April 15. April 21 he wrote: [My] "Horses are very weak." See also letters of Owen to Harris, February 27, March 6, 8, 10, April 13, 1866.

Grasshoppers as legions of Small ones are to be Seen grouping about in the grass already. The cold Nights we are having M[a]y destroy them. Should We be Visited by them this as last Season We are all ruined — Our only hope is from the Wheat Crop. Yesterday I purchased Brook's ranch on the opposite Side of the river for My Nephew H. P. Fry. I hope he May do well with it — It is a fine tract of land contains 160 acres & is all or Nearly all tillable & is freely Watered With timber close at hand.

Saturday 28" Mr. Fred Loveland up from Missoula & retd Fixing up a trip to Helena. Intend Starting in the Morning Nothing preventing

Sunday 29" Horse Saddled for My trip to Cottonwood[19] and Elsewhere — in that direction shall be absent some two Mos.

[71] July 1866

Tuesday 10" retd home after an absence of over two Mos. Met the party at Hell Gate Who are Exploring a rout by the Lolo Fork from Lewistown under the direction of Doct Bird.[20] The Doct. Col. Craig & Maj. Truax (?) rode up with Mr from their Camp on Lolo's Fork. They are Much pleased with the appearance of things in the Valley. The Crops Never looked More favorable than they do at present.

Wednesday 11" Doct Bird & Party left for their Camp on Lolo's fork and I for another trip to Cottonwood to attend to My Suit in District Court Vs Thos W. Harris for Breach of contract Entered

[19] Cottonwood now Deer Lodge.

[20] "The Lo Lo Wagon Road. . . . Personally we know nothing of the routes after they enter the Bitter Root mountains, and therefore are compelled to rely upon the reports of others. The Lo Lo trail, as well as the Southern Nez Perces trail, have long been known to old mountaineers, and since the gold discoveries in this region have often been traveled by miners and packers . . . Several parties passed over the route of the southern trail with a view to a wagon road, among them was John Creighton and Hill Beachy. Both pronounced it a good pass for a wagon road, and one of them claimed that a good passable wagon road could be opened from Lewiston to the head of Bitter Root valley for less than $50,000. . . . What has been done* is of no present practical benefit, for want of completion, even as a trail. No part of it is finished as a wagon road. Its whole line nowhere touches any settlement of miners or other white men, or even Indians, from Lewiston to the Bitter Root Valley . . . That a good road is practicable through these mountains from here to the Bitter Root Valley, we have full faith to believe."

* By a company which received a charter from the second Idaho legislature to build a road to Montana, and which believed it had found a route lying between the Lo Lo Trail and the southern Nez Percé Trail, through a pass lower by 1,500 or 2,000 feet than either of the others. Lewiston, Idaho, *Journal*, May 18, 1867. Reprinted in Helena *Herald*, June 12, 1867, p. 2, col. 5.

into fall /63 before I left for the East — I deply deplore the Necessity I have been placed under in having recourse to Law to get My just rights — But So it is.

[72] August 1866

Thursday 23 retd from a trip to Cottonwood — Blackfoot City[21] & Helena after an absence of Some Six Weeks. Found all Well at the fort & the finest prospect for a Crop that we hav Ever had. Met during My absence Many old friends from the East. recd letters from home with the Sad intelligence of the death of a dear Nephew in his 17″ Year H. C. Ackley My Suit With Mr. Harris in the District court for breach of contract decided in My favor. The jury awarding for Me over $1400. damages & throwing deft. in for the Costs. They alone will amt. to some $2000, Besides fees for four attys he had Engaged in his case — Before the Suit commenced I gave Mr. H. Every opportunity to Settle it as a Man should hav done. But No. He is the Victim of his own Stubborness to the tune of Some $7000. or More.[22]

[73] August 1866 Friday 24″ took a Walk up to Stevensville & as far as Mr. Dobbin's Every one in fine spirits from the prospects of Crops

Saturday 25″ Mr. Lafontaine down from Burnt fork District Says he Has a fine crop of grain Brought a grist to Mill he is one of our Earliest Settlers and Most Enterprising Men [————?] From the [sentence undecipherable] Gov. T. F. M.[23] is on his way down for inspection of this section of the Ter. of Montana. The mill is running in proper spirit.

Sunday 26 Some friends calld to See Me. Mr Ger Dyer Who Came up with Me from Missoula City last Thursday retd to day. old Wife off after berries

[74] August 1866 Monday 27″ took a ride up the Valley as far as Girds Creek & Back. The Crops look Well throughout.

Friday 31″ retd from Missoula City. Met our acting Governor Gen Thos Francis Meagher & Lady there — The Genl. went over to the Jocko reservation & probably will go as far as the Pondsville

[21] Blackfoot City was a mining camp started in 1865 about twenty miles west of Mullan Pass.

[22] " . . . Today I got home from Deer Lodge, after an absence of three weeks. The law suit between John Owen and myself was decided against me, by John Owen and his witnises Swearing to the basest of lies, for the purpose of robbing me." Harris, *Diary,* August 1, 1866.

[23] Governor Thomas Francis Meagher secretary of the territory and acting governor.

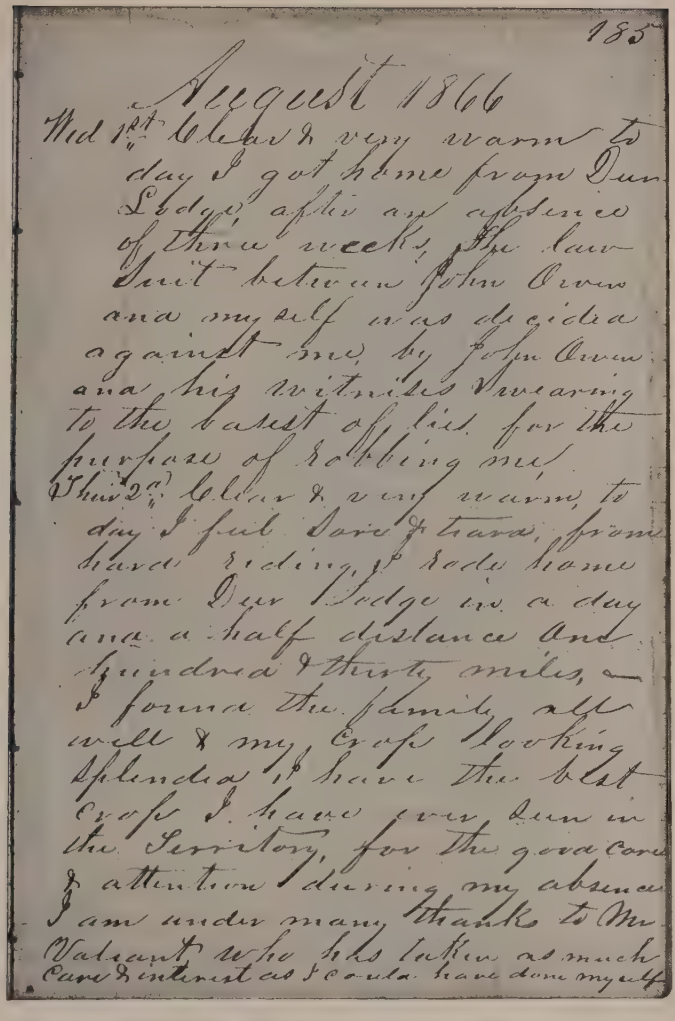
Plate XX

JOURNAL ENTRY OF THOMAS HARRIS

The entry of August 1, 1866, written by Thomas W. Harris in his Journal just after the Territorial Court had rendered the verdict which ordered him to restore a part of Owen's herds.

From this time the two men virtually ceased to speak of one another in their written records.

PLATE XX



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August 1866

Wed 1st Clear & very warm to day I got home from Dun Lodge after an absence of three weeks, the law Suit between John Owen and myself was decided against me, by John Owen and his witnesses swearing to the basest of lies for the purpose of robbing me.

Thur 2d Clear & very warm to day I fed Dave & Tara, from Hard Riding, & rode home from Dun Lodge in a day and a half distance One hundred & thirty miles, — I found the family all well & my Crops looking splendid I have the best Crop I have ever seen in the Territory, for the good care & attention during my absence I am under many thanks to Mr Valiant who has taken as much Care & interest as I could have done myself

Lake — He intends paying us a Visit before returning to Helena. It has been quite Cool for the past few days I Saw Evidence of frost on My. Way up the Valley — Some Miles below here the Potatoe tops were black — The farmers are pretty well through with their harvest — Some few grists have already been brought to Mill —

[75] September 1866

Saturday 1st Rode up to See Lomprey an old residenter who is complaining & has been afflicted with Sore Eyes for the past two Months — A few Grists in which were Soon dispatched — Every one anxious for the thrashing Machine. When We anticipate a busy time for Some three Months —

Sunday 2nd Mr Winds up from Missoula City — Old Wife & Suit off after berries. Afternoon pleasant — Walked up to Stevensville

Monday 3rd The Election for Territorial & County officers passed off quietly — rather a Slim Vote was polld

Tuesday 4 Walked up to Stevensville — Settld My a/c With Winslott & Houk

[76] September 1866 Wednesday 5" Rode down to the Camp of Miners on Eight Mile Creek. There are Seven Men at Work all of whom are old hands at Minig They have done a great deal of Work. They Sunk Several Shafts and dug a drain ditch 400 feet in length. In the shaft they are now sinking the Water is bothering them — The[y] have built a Wheel & put in a pump for the purpose of Keeping the Water out — They seem to be in good Spirits. I trust they will Strike Something good. It is truly astonishing to see the passion Some of these handy Men have for prospecting the Gulches of the Mts for Gold. It is the hardest life imaginable. They undergo privation travel for Miles & Miles — Many of them With all their Worldly Chattles on their backs. Encounter danger & hardships in Every turn & Yet how few [of] them Ever Save a dollar

[77] September 1866 Thursday 6" The Gen. thrashing out peas — one team hauling fire Wood Mr Rouls Working on fanning Mills — Made one for use of Grist Mill that works admirably. An article badly needed by the former. No Word of the thrashing Maching — Mill idle for the Want of Wheat — Quite a frost here last Night — The first we have had this Season — Made up a lot of ink to day

Friday 7" Some little Wheat in & good — Settled My a/c with Zugner. Scolded Chatfield slightly — He has been too indifferent

of late He is a good Man but lacks Energy & judgement. Procrastinates too Much — continually putting off until to Morrow that which he Should do to day — Robt. Pelky[24] C'ty assessor up from Missoula. Old Wife & Suit of fishing — Trout are fine.

[78] September 1866 Saturday 8" Robt. Pelky County assessor gone up to Willow Creek — Team hauling dirt & covering root house The Sun Came out bright after 10 o'clock A. M. Few Small grists in for the Mill. Mill Working Charmingly —

Sunday 9" Quite a rush for the Eight Mile Creek Mining Camp. Secured over a 1000 feet of ground for Self & friends A Town laid off. What the gulch will turn out No one can tell. The claims will be hard to open. The best feature is that the discoverers all of them practical Miners are Satisfied & are Working with a hearty good cheer. They have filed Claims for their friends & Sent to Notify them of representation day Which is on the 24th inst. all the Claims recorded have to be represented on that day —

[79] September 1866 Monday 10" Some grists in from "3 Mile Creek" & other parts of the Valley. Wagons loaded with Vegetables leaving for the Mines. Mr. Devenpeck from the Skarkaho Settlement left With a two horse team. Walked up to town Settled My a/c with Montgomery $29.25 Saloon Bill incurred day of Election Got My Blksmith Bill to date & passed to cr. in a/c A. M. Atkisson —

Tuesday 11" Jack Upton one of the discoverers of the New Gulch was here to day after tools & provisions. He tells Me that he thinks he has found in Same vicinity a rich argentiferous quartz Lode — He is in fine Spirits concerning the prospect of the gulch. I trust it May turn out Well. It Will be of great Service to this Valley & Will lead No doubt to further discoveries — "I hope So"

[80] September 1866 Wednesday 12" Some Jew peddlers reached here last Evening direct from the Mo. river Via Gallatin. They left Fort Leavenworth in May last With a Small Wagon loaded with "Sheep Goods for de Monish" — Some Grists into Mill. Walked up to Stevensville. Nothing New — Mr. Houk left Yesterday Morning for Lewiston Via Lo Lo fork trail. Wagons passing loaded With Vegetables En route for the Mines. Jack Upton left to day for Eight Mile Creek Mr. Pat Bray passed up on his return from Bear Gulch looking Well & in fine Spirits — He Says that the Gulch is about holding its own & No big thing. It is to be hoped

[24] Robert Pelky was a printer and editor at Missoula and one time sheriff. Woody, *opus citra*, pp. 98, 106.

that Bear & Elk Will revive again in the Spring — New discoveries Now Made in the Silver Bow district that Was Creating Much Excitement —

[81] September 1866 Thursday 13" No one Stirring — A few Indian Grists into the Mill — Lovely day

Friday 14" The Warbling of the birds reminds one of Spring. Silverthorn Commenced rebuilding the Northern End of the fort Wall that fell down last Winter. Mr. Rouls Still Working on faning Mills — quite a Number of Ind. grists in to day — & some from Willow Creek — Lovely Day —

Saturday 15" One Year ago to day My New Grist Mill started & has run Most Charmingly from the 1st revolution of her Master Wheel. Turned out a flagon of Grog. Quite a Stampede for the New gulch. They Say that the Whole lower country is up — Mill busy all day. With In'd. Grists — Mostly — Messrs Windes & Dyer up from Missoula

[82] September 1866 Sunday 16" Mess Winds & Dyer left for Missoula. They came up by the New Gulch. The parties from below had located a New district on the left hand fork of the Main creek — Every one highly Elated With the prospect — Walked up to Stevensville — Met Mr. J. R. Simpson from Willow Creek. He tells Me that they have fine crops in that Vicinity — report is that I am Elected to the lower house from this County by 65 — Majority — Truly I thought I had less Enemies in this County than to Send Me to the Legislature My old Wife Somewhat displeased At the prospect of My being separate from her for the coming Winter — Consolations offered — But Not received

[83] September 1866 Monday 17" Mill busy With In'd grists — Working on N. E. Corner of the Wall — Lake Cutting hay In'ds Moving off to the Buff. ground

Tuesday 18" Last Evening I rode down to 8 Mile gulch in company with Mess. Cone & Chaffin. This was recording day — Prospects good. Some two Miles below the Main Camp Mr Montgomery I found there busy Sinking Some holes in all of Which he got good prospects. I Met a Dr Tury in the gulch & he tells Me that he is Satisfied to remain & Work his ground &c

Wednesday 19" retd to the fort The Wall Nearly done. It helps the appearance of things — Mill busy.

Thursday 20" finished the Northern Wall Early. Mr. Lake Working on his hay. P. M. Lafontaine down.

[84] September 1866 Friday 21st George had the Burrs Up

& Dressing them — Lafontaine down With Wheat for the Mill. Hauled & put into the old Mill 3524 ℔s Bran Sent up to the Stable 576 ℔s for horse feed. Jack Upton & a German I have prospecting My ground in from 8 Mile Gulch — Reports Encouraging. Seven Cents to the pan without reaching Bed rock Sent 100 ℔s flour to Mrs Zugner for My Mess —

Saturday 22nd A Mr. Slater one of the discovers of the New Gulch was here — He had just retd from the Silver Bow district — He Says that there has been another rich gulch discovd on a tributary of the Jefferson fork of the Mo. river. Raining all day. Cleaned up the Scrummings in the Mill — George ground Some flour grists — Mr. Larabee Sh'f. up from Missoula.

[85] September 1866 Sunday 23rd No one Stiring. Some 9 Wagons from the upper part of the Valley passed loaded with Vegetables — En Route for the Mines. Mrs Zugener & Mrs. Lewis [?] called to look through the Sterescope They admired the pictures Much — Mess Winds & Pelky up from Missoula Mills —

Monday 24 Rode down to the gulch it being representation day — rather a Slim turn out. Some few Were up from Missoula Mills. Mess Sherwood & Hurd retd with Me. They are going to prospect Some other gulches in this Vicinity — recd letters from Genl. Thomas Francis Meagher our acting Gov. for the Territory & Col. A. H. Chapman ag't for The Flathead Nation — The Gen. Writes Me that himself & Lady Will Visit Me on Thursday 27″ inst. & devote three days to the Bitter Root Valley &c

[86] September 1866 Tuesday 25″ Walked up to Stevensville Met quite a party of old acquaintances had a Mule race & Sundry Nips — Yesterday George Ground up the Toll Wheat Making Some 2400 ℔s flour ready for Market — To Day the Mill busy with Ind Grists — Walked up to Stevensville to attend a case wherein a ½ bred Was arrested by Sheriff Larrabee for grand Larceny — The Case was tried before his Honor C. J. Parker J. P. Who after taking down the Evidence of P. M. Lafontaine — the Prosecutor in the Case — & Fred Sherwood — The case was ably pleaded by one Who So readily convinced his Honor that the deft had only been guilty of a Misdemeanor & that of Not Much Magnitude. His Hon. find the deft $10.00 & costs amting to $20.00 Which Made it all amt to $30.00 Saw a Mule race. Bet upon the Grey & won $10.00

[87] September 1866 Wednesday (26″) Yesterday Silverthorn commenced tearing down partition & chimney in Chatfield's room — The Wall & Chimney requiring rebuilding — Mill busy

with Ind. Wheat. The Inds have been Sent for to be at the Jocko Agency on Saturday 29" to receive their annuities. Lake hunting dirt for Mortar. Wash Harris called & passed the Evening Had his banjo With him which he plays very well. He Sang and accompanied himself on the Banjo Several New & good Songs. The Mill Entirely clear of Wheat. Ground Some Sixty Bu. to day (27") Mrs. Genl. Meagher Mess Cate Higgins Miss Lucretia Miller & Mr. F. L. Wordin drove up from Missoula Mills — Genl. Meagher was accompanied by Judge T. M. Pomeroy on horse back. They remained behind the Ambulance containing the Ladies Judge Pomeroy arried by 8 o'clock Saying that the Gen. Was unwell & Would pass the Night With Mr. Collins on Lo Los fork &c

[88] September 1866 Friday 28" Passed a very pleasant Evening With Mrs. Genl. Meagher & the other Ladies. Played a few games of Back Gammon with Mrs. M. & was Nobly defeated. Genl. Meagher reached here in the after Noon — Gav him a Salute from our little Howitzer. Had a Visit from the Revd Father Giorda who remained to Tea Passed a Very pleasant Evening with the Ladies

Saturday 29" the party left this Mning for Missoula Mill. Silverthorn Working on the Chimney.

Sunday 30" Walked up as far as Mr Dobbin's — Mrs Dobbins treated Me to a Nice pitcher of fresh Buttermilk Mr. Dobbins Sends his team to Missoula Mills to Morrow with load of flour for Me for Which I am to pay him $40.00 for the trip.

[89] October 1866

Monday 1st Mr. Ben. Harris in with Small grist from 3 Mile Creek. Hauled & placed in old Mill 2184 lbs Bran Sent 300 lbs flour & 150 lbs Bran to Missoula Mills. Chatfield off hunting a Beef Steer — Mr. Lake hauling Dirt & adobes. Silverthorn has got the chimney Nearly above the roof.

Tuesday 2nd Left for Missoula Mills. Sent letters home.

Friday 5" retd from Missoula Mills. My old friend Dan. Welch recd. Me Kindly. Met Genl. Meagher & Lady at Missoula Mills. Met Mess Hurd & Sherwood at the fort they have been prospecting on Burnt fork & Ambrose Creek report Says another Stampede for Salmon river. They have Struck a good Camp I hope

[90] October 1866 Saturday 6" Mess Sherwood & Hurd left for Sweat house Creek

Sunday 7" Every one off Some where Horace gone to Eight Mile Creek Gulch. The Genl & Van Harris leaves to day for the

Mines With vegetables No Word of the thrashing Machine The Mill has lost Nearly the Whole of Septr. for the Want of grain — out of Beef & hav been for Some days. an occasional Mallard or String of Brook trout takes the place of Meat. A long time Since I have heard of My Bro & party. He is on his way with Stock of goods. Intended coming the Bridger rout by the Yellow Stone & Gallatin. The Country is full of reports Indian depredations &c &c I hav My fears for Safety of himself & party. Recd. Minority report of Hon. A. J. Rogers M. C. N. J. Member Judiciary Com. "Infamous disclosures")

[91] October 1866 Monday 8" George had Some little work for the Mill — Moving out of old [————————?] building in building on Western flank. Contracted With two Men that arrived last Night to tear down the old building & remove the rubbish — They commence to Morrow

Tuesday 9" Tearing down the old building. Geo. gone above to turn More Water in. Charley Kenyon & two friends called. They are from Salmon river Mines & Speak well of the Prospect of things there — They Estimate the distance from here at 175 Miles. Leisburg a Small town just being Started in the diggins — Several Wagons retd from the Mines. Cowan — Simpson & others. They report the Mkt. overstocked & Vegetables quite low. Blodget & others passed for the Mines. Killed a Young heifer for Beef Wrote Lank Wilkinson[28] for two Copies Rky Mt. Gazette for Dobbins & Lafontaine.

[92] October 1866 Wednesday 10" White Washing room for Mess. Settled My a/c With Genl. Zurgener to date — Ball due Me $13.00

Thursday 11" Busy Moving over to Mess room. Put up two Bins in 3rd Story Mill for holding Midlings — Washd out flour Sacks — Quite a Stir for Salmon river — Party's passing Every day. Made a calculation to day of the quantity of flour required to supply the Pop. of this Territory for the Next Seven Mos. The Pop. Estimated at 30000 Souls & they using 1 ¼# flour pr day = 37500 #s pr day which is Equal to 18 ½ "tons" pr day which Makes taking this Month at 30 days — 555 tons pr Month — Equal to 3885 tons Equal to Seven Million Seven hundred & 70 thousand #s which Would require say 30#s flour to Bu of Wheat 259000 Bus. No fears of a Surplus of Flour Although crops are good & flour due —

[28] John W. Wilkinson and others established the *Rocky Mountain Gazette* at Helena in August, 1866.

[93] Friday 12" Teams going & returning from the Mines — Mill quiet for the Want of grain — No Word from the thrashing Machine. Will be late getting the Wheat thrashed Sam Martin in from 8 Mile Creek Gulch & Speaks discouragingly of the prospects of the diggins. He says that he is disheartened — The discovery party are still working on — They have done So Much work that they do Not feel like abaondoning the Gulch without giving it a further trial. I Still hope it May prove better than Some are disposed to think it will.

Saturday 13" Busy fixing up & arranging Medicine Chest &c &c Hired Sam Martin at $60.00 pr Mo — he boarding himself — to Work around fort get Wood level up Yard &c &c Good Man for Common Work — Report reachd here to day that Henry Brooks an old resident was shot a few days ago at Blkfoot.

[94] October 1866 Sunday 14" Carley gone up to Devenpeck's on Gird Creek. Saml. Armstrong down from Burnt fork & passed the Night — & retd this Morning after breakfast — Parties passing for Salmon river & Calling for flour — Recd a Mail from Deer Lodge but No Word of My Bro & Mr. Fry — I fear they have had or are in trouble.

Monday 15" found on hand 105 New Cott 50# Sacks & 113 Linen. Report is that Capt. Standefer the leader of a large prospecting party that left Helena last August for Wind river had With forty of his Men been Killd by the Indians. It Needs confirmation The Jesuit Fathers are putting up a Chapel Near[28] here for the use of the Inds & others who desire to hear divine Service &c

[95] October 1866 Tuesday 16" Had the pleasure Yesterday of hearing of My Bro's Whereabouts — Who I have been So uneasy about for a Month past. Jno Brown just in from Helena Says he Saw Maj. Graham who came out with My Bro. & that the Maj. said the train & party were all right & that they were coming directly here — Bag & Baggage &c Fortune attend them — I am Now Easy Yesterday Silverthorn commenced over hauling Ice house. Sam. Martin commenced Work Yesterday — Silverthorn getting along finely with Ice house. Had a Snow Squall during the day. Put the little Boys in the Bastile last Night for playing truant Yesterday — Mr Frank Way from French Town called to See Me about

[28] Fathers Giorda and Ravalli refounded the old mission of St. Mary's after it had been closed for sixteen years. The mission was finally closed in 1891 with the removal of the last of the Flatheads from the Bitter Root Valley. The chapel still stands and Father Ravalli is buried nearby. Palladino, *opus citra*, p. 71.

Some fruit trees he has for Sale. Having ordered 1000 trees by a Mr. Rich from Walla Walla last Augst. I declined purchasing any More. I am ashamed of Not having a fine fruit bearing orchard after being here Some 16 Yr's.

[96] October 1866 Wednesday 17" Frose Ice last Night thickness of Window Glass — Have fears of My potatoes which are Not yet dug & put in root house. Ice cicles dependent from the flume — Had a Visit from the Revd Father Giorda. Presented him with Some Glass — Adobes & other things for the New Chapel Now in Course of Construction for Which he Seemed Very thankful. He is a good Man and I trust he May be rewarded for his labors among the poor benighted Sons of the forest — Silverthorn finishd the Walls in the Ice house & put in false sleepers & Commenced laying the floor. It has been a very disagreable day — Had Some Capping put upon the Walls to prevent Washing — The Whole Establishment Wants overhauling. Tearing away the Wooden building Makes thing appear far better than before

[97] October 1866 Thursday 18" Horace & George gone to Missoula. Mr Clements & McCowan up from Hell Gate with a few Bu. of Wheat Which was soon floured & Sacked — Recd a letter from Mr. Adams of W. C. He writes Me that My Mail route to this place has been Establishd I shall wait with anxiety to See the Service put on it Wrote to Mr. H. J. Oliver the contractor to Missoula & Hell Gate concerning it. Finished lining up the Ice House & laying the floor. Put Saw Dust in between the lining & the Wall. If we fail to Keep Ice now I shall give it up. Silverthorn gone over home. We have quite the appearance of Winter but I hope it will Soon blow over. Recd a letter from C. E. Irwine of Deer Lodge who Says that flour is Very low at Helena & Elsewhere in that direction Mr Edwards left for Boise City Bag & Baggage — Ice House Measures 1600 Cubic feet.

[98] October 1866 Friday 19" Not able to do Much of any thing — out of doors. Few grists brought into Mill. I feel proud of My Ice house. I trust Ice will Keep Well in it. George Conley retd bringing a Young Man With him by the Name of Drake to assist him runing the Mill during the anticipated rush — They passed the thrashing Machine En route for 3 Mile Creek — Mr Dan Welch Writes Me that My friend the Hon. I. W. Nesmith U. S. S. for the past Six Years from Oregon has been defeated for another term & that H. W. Corbett of Portland Oregon a Blk. Rep. was Elected in his Stead I deeply regret the change that Oregon has

Seen proper to Make Nesmith in My Estimation Was the proper Man — Time Will tell Wether the Change was for the best or Not. Horace has gone up the Canon — Probably he has heard of his "Father."

[99] October 1866 Saturday 20" Busy putting down Wash boards around the Wall to prevent the Walls Washing & Crumbling. Had a culvert put in on Western Side to answer for a drain. Mill at Work all day. Mr. Roberts having tapd the thrasher first — Came in to day with a load of Wheat — It Will Soon roll in More. Chas Drake commenced to day as assistent Miller at $75.00 per Mo. and board. I have been brooding over the political change of affairs that has taken place in Oregon — Oregon Now has two Blk. Rep. Senators in the U. S. Senate in place of two Union Democrats — Harding & Nesmith The formers term Expired 4" Mar 1865 Nesmiths term Expires 4" Mar 1867 In place of Harding Williams was Elected & Now they have Elected Wm H. Corbitt to take Nesmith's Seat. — I deeply deplore the Change. Mr. Windes & a Mr Taylor up from Missoula Mills. They bring No News Drake to be paid in flour

[100] October 1866 Sunday 21st Carley & Drake dressing Burrs Mr. Ben. Harris in With load of Wheat. Geo. Says that there will be No Sunday for us Now until the Mill freeses up. Walked up the Creek With Mr. Windes to See What I can do to control the Water and Keep if from freesing up & runing over the Whole country in & Near fort & Mill. It annoys Me Very Much in the Winter. I shall try & prevent it this fall.

Monday 22nd A Man from the Mines reports that Henry Brooks the Man that Was Shot Some time ago is dead Poor fellow "Peace to his ashes" Had a pleasant day. Stacking up the old Lumber. Walked up to town & Settled My a/c at the Store. Bought a Box Stove for Which I am to pay 1250 ♯ flour Equivalent to $187.50 at present price of flour

[101] October 1866 Tuesday 23rd Recd a letter from Col. Chapman Ind agt. informing Me of his intended Visit the last of this Week. Wrote letters to Hon. J. W. Nesmith U. S. S. & Hon. Saml. Mc Lean our Delegate in Con. Thos. E. Tutt & other friends East. Mr. W. W. Johnson Member Elect of the Territorial Legislature up from Missoula. Made an agreement With Mr Devenpeck for his Wife to come & take chge of My Mess during the Winter. I am to pay her $25.00 pr Mo. furnish two rooms Mess funiture & board her husband for the assistance he May render her. Nearly through fixing

up the fort. Heard from a Mr Chaffin Who has just retd from the Mines that My Bro was close with his train I shall look for him & his party any Moment & shall be delighted to See him. A hearty welcome awaits him. I trust he May do well With his outfit Mill busy Most of the day. Wheat will Soon be rushing in.

[102] October 1866 Wednesday 24" Spent a very pleasant Evening with Mr. Johnson With alternate Sittings at Crib & Back Gamon. I "was" defeated at the former but carried off the palm at the latter — Having beat him one Gamon and four hits. Busy putting wash boards around base of fort Wall and clearing up the rubbish — Mr. Johnson left for Missoula Mills this Mning after breakfast. Mr. Ralls Moved his tools from My shop to his own shop in Stevensville. He has Made Several faning Mills for Which he chgd $100.00 Ea. for — He is a fine Mechanic. Sent by Mr. Dobbins team to Helena two Sacks of flour to two old Mo. friends — as Samples of What My Mill is doing. Had a slight Shower of rain at Noon. Horace retd Saw his father & Maj. Graham. The train will be here in a few days. My Bro. is back at Helena. Col. Chapman up from the Jocko reservation & Mr. Sherwood down from Skan Ka Ho.

[103] October 1866 Thursday 25" Col Chapman & Myself busy all day overhauling My a/c's relative to Flathead Agency. My Boys[37] ran away yesterday & as Yet have Not retd I find I can do Nothing with them So I am determined to let them run with the Indians & have Nothing More to do with them. Sam Martin quit Working around the fort last Evening & to day has gone up to turn the Water into another creek & put in head Gates & deepen the Main race for Which I am to pay him $100.00 he boarding himself. Col. Chapman Was fortified with two flagon good Spirits which we discussed to our Entire Satisfaction.

Friday 26" Col. Chapman left this Morning for his agency. Mill idle for Want of grain. Martin at Work on the ditch above. Four Wagon loads of Wheat in from 3 Mile Creek & two from Elsewhere. The Machine is at Parkers. Mill at Work this afternoon.

[104] "Saturday" October 27" 1866 The Mill runing the greater part of the Night Mr. Devenpeck down last Evening with load of Vegetables which I have given him permission to put in My root house for the winter using What I May Want of them at the Current rate of the Country. This Morning I purchased Mr. Devenpeck's Vegatables 40 Bu. potatoes @ $1.00 400 # Cabbage @ 4¢

[37] Owen had no children, "My Boys" were probably relatives of his Indian wife.

Aggregate $56.00 Which amt is Cr to him in a/c. Day showery it Seems as though the fates now against us. Now that the Machine is here the Weather is Not favorable for thrashing out the grain. Several loads of Wheat in & the Mill busy all day — doing fine Work — Had Some Ind women Yesterday digging potatoes but to day they have Not Made their appearance Chatfield gathering the onions — Revd Father Giorda down. To Morrow he dedicates the New Chapel & invited Me to be present. Gave him Some Candles for the occassion &c

[105] October 1866 Sunday 28" Geo. run the Mill all Night — I stood the first Watch With him — When relieved by Chas Drake asst. Miller & horace at one o'clock A. M. The Mill doing Charming Work turning out Nearly 500 lbs pr hour x fine flour. Wheat also turning out Nearly 40 lb X fine flour to the Bu. Mr T. W. H. [Thomas W. Harris] Sent a 75 Bu. Grist which Made 2925 # X fine flour Equal to 39 lbs to the Bu. His Bro. Mr. Ben N. Harris brought a 27 Bu. Grist Which Made 40 4/7 X fine flour to the Bu. In fact so far as ground the Wheat Crop is Yielding remarkably Well. Witnessd the dedication of the New Chapel & the Solemn Ceremony of the Elevation of the Host. Father Giorda — assisted by a Lay Bro. — officiating — It truly reminds one of the preparation necessary before being called by our Great Father to leave this Terrestial sphere The ceremony is Very imposing & Solemn. The devotedness that the Revd Father Seem to have for the interest of their church is wonderful truly Put in S. E. Bastion 2400 # flour.

[106] October 1866 Monday 29" Horace gone to Missoula. It was My intention to hav Started this Morning for Va. City to take My Seat in the Legislature to be commencd on 5" Next Month — But after Mature reflection — I have declined the honor — as I should have to Make a Much greater Sacrifice of My own interests than I feel Myself justified in. I hav concluded to follow the old Maxim "Be just before you are generous" The interests of Missoula County will be in good hands as Mr. W .W. Johnson the other Member Elect is Not only an intelligent Man but full of Enterprise & perseverance also. Success attend him. Put in S. E. Bastion 25 Sacks flour weighing 1167 #s. The flour Made from toll Wheat Since last Friday at Noon Amts. to day at Noon. to 4600 #s. 3567 #s. of Which is in S. E. Bastion Pretty good Work for 4 days run. Mr. T. W. Harris Sent Me a Churn — Water Wheel & apparatus Which

I loaned him over one Year ago — in Wretched order. His Wife Should be ashamed —

[107] October 1866 Tuesday 30" Yesterday I hired Enoch Mathis — to assist in the Mill & do other Work around this fort when his Services in the Mill Were Not required — at $2.00 pr day payable in flour at Mkt price. Digging My potatoes & pulling onions Horace retd recd. letter from Mr. W. W. Johnson. Mill busy — busted band on Main upright Shaft.

Wednesday 31st. Hauled & put My potatoes in root House Some 60 Bu. Mill busy all day. May Expect to be crowded from this until freesing time Made a bargain With the Gen. to put Me up Some Crout for which I am to pay him 5¢ pr lbs. A Nice thing to hav in the house & I am Dutch Enough to appreciate it. Hauled & put in S. E. Bastion 4500 #s The Gen & his Lady out of humor to day — Milk Stopd for Mess.

[108] November 1866

Thursday 1st Mill idle a little While to day Wheat from 3 Mile Creek Soon put it in Motion again. Martin getting along finely putting in his head gates He Is Making a good job of it Cleaned up the Scrumming & put 2000 lbs Bran in old Mill — So the Mill is clear for a fresh Start for Novr. Mr. Anking a Son of an old Oregon friend arrivd to day. recd a Note from Mr. Dan Welch Saying that the 2000 flour Sacks ordered from Portland had Not arrivd —

Friday 2nd George dressing the Mill Burrs. Baron O'Kieff's threshing Maching arrived. I hired Geo. Hurd. Mr Chatfield threw up the sponge My Bro trains arrd for [from] Helena — Wagons unloaded and property Stored away. The Cattle look Well from being off a long trip — Heavy [words undecipherable] My old friend Maj Graham all right.

[109] November 1866 Saturday 3rd Mr Fry Setting off with his Men and arranging his goods &c The Mill crowded — Had a long talk With Maj. Graham.

Sunday 4" Neville Raup & Windes up from Missoula Geo. runing the Mill. Mr Jno H. Fry Made the old Wife present of Small Scotch terrior which he brought with him from St. Louis.

Monday 5" To day the Territorial Legislature commences at Va City. Hauled up & put into S. E. Bastion 31 Sacks flour weighing 1469#+ [plus] 4500 = 5969#s Benj. Harris in. Mill out of grain.

Tuesday 6" Maj Graham left for Helena. Chatfield for the Mines Sent two Men above to try & brin[g] Some lime. Mill idle

until Noon. O'Kieff Machine broke down. Gone below for Some irons. Judge Miller up With load of Wheat from Hell Gate —

[110] November 1866 Wednesday 7" O'Kieff's Machine in operation again this Morning & finishd thrashing the Genl's Wheat — & Went up to Louis Clairmont's latter part of the day quite pleasant. Sent 1000 ℔ X fine flour by Judge Miller to Mess Woodward Clerment & Co Hell Gate. Wheat Coming in briskly to day. Mill ground 175 Bu. in less than 12 hr's.

Thursday 8" Recd Cooking Stove from Mr Connally for which I am to pay him $140. in flour delivd at Gold Creek @ $15.00 pr 100 ℔. Recd a letter from My Niece Anna a Sprightly girl Now at the Moravian Seminary Bethlehem Penn. She Writes very encouragingly & from her letter I am delighted to See that she is improving. Mr. Jno. A. Fry also recd letters from home & My Bro at Helena Parties left this Morning for Salmon river to put a ferry upon the river. Horace gone above to Mr Devenpecks

[111] November 1866 Friday 9" Bought Eight Breeding Sows & one Boar of a Mr Collins. Wheat coming in briskly. Geo Dyer up from Missoula Mills & retd

Saturday 10" Charley Mc Carty up from Missoula Says he intends putting on a Stage route from that place to this — Party retd after an absence of Some four days without finding Lime Stone

Sunday 11" Geo. dressing the Burrs. Martin turned the Water in New channel — Works well — Ned drunk this Morning & breakfast late. Horace retd with Eight Sows & one boar from Collins — We will try & raise our own Bacon. Good thing to have —

Monday 12" Bro. Frank arrived from Helena Looks well Fixing up chicken house. Charly Mc Carty up

[112] November 1866 Tuesday 13" Water failing Sent Martin above to See if any More Can be turned in Main race

Wednesday 14 Sent Martin up Some 7 or 8 Miles to See What can be done for Water. Made to day a Contract with Amos Chaffin for fresh Beef to be delivd at Fort Owen — Hind qr 15¢ fore qr 12¢ pr ℔. to be paid in flour Sacked at 12¢ cts pr ℔. For the use of their fresh Milk Cow I allow him $5.00 pr Mo. for Each payable in flour — Sacks to be finished by A. C. @ $12.00 pr 100 ℔.

Thursday 15" Mrs Devenpeck fully installd in chge of Mess. Mr. Pattee up from Missoula With two loads of Wheat for the Mill. 106 Bu's which Was Bagd & ready to be delivd in Seven hrs. after it Was recd

[113] November 1866 Friday 16" Mill busy all day & Night.

Ground up Some 3000 # flour last Night from Toll Wheat. Wheat coming in Slower than I thought it would.

Saturday 17" Mill idle Most of the day — Some 200 Bu. Wheat recd. after Noon. Mr. Amos Chaffin Brought Me a fine young Beef Weighing Some 500 lbs. for which I gave him flour — leaving 10 lbs flour due him on the Exchange — Beef young & fat — With Which our Philadelphia relatives I hope will be pleased — Porter House & tender loins until [pure?] content — Say Nothing of the roasting — Bro. Frank & Mr Fry arranging their goods — Mr. Ben Harris in — Mill crowded & will run the greater part of the Night Wheat turning out well & the Mill is doing charming work

[114] November 1866 Sunday 18" Hauld & put in Bastion 3500 lbs X fine flour. Bought of the ag't left in chge of Snipe's Cattle Six or More hundred pounds of Beef to be paid for in flour pound for pound — I loaning the Sacks — to be retd after the flour being used — Bro. Frank gone up to look after his herd — & Show to Mr. Harris some Steers he Wanted to purchase — At 3 P. M. I was coming out of My old Wife's Room & to My astonishment Who should I Meet face to face But Mr. Thos. W. Harris — Audacity is No Name for it — The thought of his Entering My fort after the Effort he Made to injure Me Never Entered My Mind. Toll Bin Clean to day at Noon — Mill busy all day — & Will run till late at Night — Mr Dobbins down he has just retd from Helena

[115] November 1866 Monday 19" Mill Crowded.

Tuesday 20" Making Soap — Salted Beef — Sent up for a Beef Bought a few days ago of Snipe's agt — Milton Chaffin retd to day from Henderson Gulch With his family and quite a band of Stock — Speaks Well of the richness of the gulch & the quarts Lodes in Vicinity — Bought a New Coffee Mill of Mr F. B. O. Very tight with their Goods — result of hopes disappointed — Miserable wheat to day

Wednesday 21 Geo. dressing the Burrs — He shut down last Night after 12 o'clock Smutty Wheat coming in — recd an invitation to day for Mr Wordins Wedding — 706 lbs. Beef Snipes'. 15 ¼ 314 for ¼ 392 = 706

[116] November 1866 Thursday 22nd Left for Missoula Mills

Friday 23rd rode down to Hell Gate. Met Mess Woodward Clairmont & other friends.

Saturday 24 Rode up home with Charley Mc Carty — Brought up Some groceries — Churn &c &c

Sunday 25" Sent by Mc Carty 35 Sacks flour for Bonner & Welch — Geo. running the Mill.

Monday 26" Water getting low hired a Man to turn it in above for Which I am to pay him $10.00

Tuesday 27" Settled My a/c in full to day with Mr G. W. Dobbins

[117] November 1866 Wednesday 28" George Cross — Dirty — Smutty — Wheat — in the Mill — run it through Smutter twice & then it would Not Make No. 1 flour Making double work — With but little profit — Mr. Ritz the Nursery Man from Walla Walla here with fruit trees — The Missoula Express Wagon up but No flour Sacks — Mess. Parks & Emanuel arrived —

Thursday 29" Intend leaving for Missoula — at Mr. Wordins Wedding[28] — pleasant time. Every thing Went off lovely & the Goose hung high —

Friday 30 remained at Missoula — Mr. Wordin & his Young bride left for Mr. W. B. S. Higgin's

[118] December 1866

Saturday 1st retd home from Missoula — Mr. Laribee Shff of the County rode up With Me. Had a very pleasant time at the Wedding Saw the Mill Start which Workd Well.

Sunday 2nd No ice on the flume or about the Wheel & the Mill busy all day. One Year ago to day the Mill frose up for the Winter. So far we have had a delightful fall & trust the Winter May continue open —

Monday 3rd The Mill Still busy Night & day — The Winter although it looks very threatening at times Still holds off — Several tons of flour left the Mill to day — Mr. Winds up from Missoula — Geo. Hurd left on a prospecting tour —

[119] December 1866 Tuesday 4" Mill busy on toll Wheat — Made a contract with Van Harris for 25 Cds of Wood to be cut in Six foot [pieces] of good quality to be corded at the fort for Which I am to pay him $4.00 for Cord in provisions

Wednesday 5" Turned the Water out of the flume — Shut down the Mill — Mr Marshal up from Big Blkfoot — Pd him $100.00 on a/c of Money Sent him by one Mr. Miller who is Mining in one of the Gulches East of this —

[28] Frank Worden married a Miss Miller, the daughter of Henry W. Miller, who lived near Hell Gate.

Thursday 6" Rode up to town —Mill busy all day

[120] December 1866 Friday 7" The Mill running— Van Harris was arraigned before Justice Parker for firing upon one La Near [Lanier?] With a revolver with intent to Kill— Verdict of the jury guilty Bound over to appear for trial— Judge Anderson up from Missoula Mr. Clermonts from Hell Gate & Dr. Dunbery up from reservation— Capt. Harvey & Wm Raup up from Missoula

Saturday 8" Mill busy Water failing— Recd two bales of flour Saks from Bonner & Welch that have been on the Way from Wallulu Nearly two Months— Had a Visit from Judge Anderson of Missoula— Dr. Dunbery gone above to See a patient— Mrs. Devenpeck gave us a Nice Corn Meal pudding Which we all done ample justice to— 596 flour Sacks recd Mc Carty up—

[121] December 1866 Sunday 9" Mill shut down last Night about 11 O'clock— Ice formed too fast for the Mill to run with Safety— Turned the Water out of the flume.

Monday 10" Mrs Devenpeck & husband passed the Evening with us on yesterday and Entertained us with Some church Music Dr. Dunbery retd last Evening & passed the Night & left this Morning for the reservation— He is a Philadelphian & a Very clean quiet young Man— The Water Commencd troubling us about the fort— It frose from the bottom & Spreads all over the premises. Walked up & Cut the ice away & opend the Channel— F. B. V. busy on grain Sacks. Mr Dan Welch & Shff. Larabee up from Missoula

[122] December 1866 Tuesday 11" busy cleaning the ice out of the Creek. Larabee gone up to Willow Creek—

Wednesday 12" Cleaning up the Mill. Harris Marcus writes to have his letter fwd to Helena P. O.

Thursday 13" Cleaning the ice out of the Creek— The Water troublesome— Revd Father Giorda up from Hell Gate. Hurd in from Ambrose Creek—

Friday 14" Clearing the ice out of the Creek & opening Channel.

Saturday 15" Mc Carty up from Missoula With quite a Mail for fort— Learn from W. C. that Col. Chapman Ind agt had been Superseded by one Wells

[123] December 1866 Sunday 16" Omitted to Notice that on 13 inst. I recd from Mr. Connally 2 flagons old Brandy which was appreciated by all hands. May his Shadow Never grow less.

Monday 17" Mr. D. gone down

Tuesday 18" Mrs. D. Making Some preparations for Christmas

3 P. M. Wind Sth & raining. Hope it May continue Soft Some days Water low on Mill Creek.

Wednesday 19" Rode up the Creek Some three Miles to See if any Water could be turned in. Found one of My dams Cut at Rollins house Which I repaired — What a Contrast in the Weather Now & this time last year. Creek open —

[124] December 1866 Thursday 20" Made another trip up the Creek & turned in another Stream I think when this gets down that We Will have sufficient Water for the Mill — A New Store in town [opened by] one Mr. Aaron. Genl asst Groceries. No Dry Goods —

Friday 21st George runing the Mill. Water plenty & No Ice about the flume. Mill Working charmingly — 3 o'clock P. M. Like a Summers day. Mr. Jno A. Fry & his Son Horace assist. Miller Every thing Moves lovely & the Goose hangs high. Bro Frank in the Kindness of his heart Volunteered his Services as Knight of the Needle — Sewing Sacks &c Horace has been on his feet at the Spouts & packing [————————?] all day. 10 P. M. He will be relivd — When His father & Mr Devenpeck relieves him & My Bro

[125] December 1866 Saturday 22nd Geo. run the Mill all last Night. He has ground Some 200 Bu. Wheat Since Breakfast Yesterday. Not an Ice cicle on the flume. Such Weather for Mid Winter. recd a letter from My Sister Bell 10" ult — No Special News The Elder Fry stood his Watch like a Man. Mrs. D. Will be Kind to him. One additional ration. "Pies & Cake." for Which he Entertains the Most refined taste. "Olives & Tomatoes." Mr. Aron our New Merchant Spells his Name with one Big A. Not the Big A — & little a. as of old — one thing by the Way — I will Say for him & that is that he has brought into the country a good Article of Brandy & Whisky. No discount — Walk up & try. I can speak for Myself. 8 P. M. been up all Night & feel tired — May the Mill Never Stop. Paid a visit to Revd Father Giorda.

[126] December 1866 Sunday 23rd Geo. runing the Mill. He has ground Some 300 Bu Wheat in the last 36 hrs.

Monday 24 Geo run the Mill until Midnight last Night. on the Gen[eral]s Grist. Turned the Water out of the flume. Mr Devenpeck 50$ on accnt.

Tuesday 25" Cloudy & Snowing. Mr Dobbins & Mr Cone down & passed the Evening. Mr. F. B. O. brewd a Very Nice Egg Nogg.

Wednesday 26" No one Stirring Much

Thursday 27" Cloudy & Snowing. Mrs D. gave us a Nice Supper

last Night Fruit Cake & cand Stuff &c &c It Was last Evening that Mr. Dobbin & Cone Were down with their families Snowing Most of the day Load of ½ cord wood ch

[127] December 1866 Friday 28" The Creek is open to dam above the head Gates. Water fell some few inches Since last Monday when the Water was turned out of the flume. Some 10 or 12 in Snow on the ground.

Sunday 30" Took a Sleigh ride down to See Justice Parker — Mr. Bass around with fresh Pork for which he was asking 40 ¢ pr lb.

Monday 31" This closed My 17th year in the Mts. during which time I have hardly known one Minutes illness — During this time things have Wonderfully changed. Even the climate Seems to have undergone a change — Our Winters are Much More Severe & tedious too —

[128] January 1867

Tuesday 1st Notwithstanding the severity of the Morning the Natives Made their usual time honored Calls giving all a hearty shake of the hand. The Old Chief Victor with hair Still Black as a coal — gave our Philada friends a Short recital of things that occured Some 70 odd years ago — Told them that he was quite a good sized Boy when those great Transcontinental Explorers — Lewis & Clarke passed here — which was in 1805. How well he holds his own. His agility would astonish any one. He can jump upon the Back of his horse with as Much Sprightlyness as the youngest of his people. Bro. Frank brewed an Egg Nog which was Very acceptable — No one declined it. Mr. Dobbins — Sherwood & Maginis Called remaind a Short time & retd to town —

[129] January 1867 Wednesday 2nd Cutting ice & opening Mill Creek The Water Threatening the Mill.

Thursday 3rd Still trying to control the Water & Keep it away from Fort & Mill. Mail up from Hell Gate. Yesterday White Sow had Eight pigs — one found Dead — To day Blk. Sow had Six pigs — Lost two.

Friday 4" I See that the 40th Congress by a Vote of the house is to Meet on 4" March Next. Change of programne. I see that Green Clay Smith[29] our New Gov. by request of the Legislature has gone to W. C. to look after Int. of Tery. our Ter. officers Seem to

[29] Green Clay Smith's Messages are given in Montana Historical Society *Contributions*, v. II (Helena, 1904), pp. 128-178. For biography James E. Callaway, *Governor Green Clay Smith*, 1866, 1868, *Ibid.*, pp. 108-127. Preston H. Leslie, *Biographical Sketch of Governor Green Clay Smith, Ibid.*, pp. 178-181.

have a fondness for Hibernating at the East. So it is. Another Sow with 5 Pigs — all Well

[130] January 1867 Saturday 5" Busy with the Brood Sows — getting them in Separate pens &c Four of them have come in having in the aggregate 22 pigs. & doing well. Creek open above & the Water all right — Mail recd —

Sunday 6" F. B. O. With the Sextant Endeavoring to get a Meridian observation — With view of correcting our time — Failed to connect. Mr. Slack & Lady & Mrs. Moose down from Willow Creek — The Sleighing is good. Lafontaine & Mr O. Brien down from Burnt fork — Mr. Lomprey & family down on a Visit to the old Wife. Old Wife not at home — gone on a fishing Excursion. Mr. Windes called on his Way home — Had been up to Girds Creek to look after a friend Who had Cut his foot badly With an axe All quiet.

[131] January 1867 Monday 7" Another Sow came in last Night lost 3 & Saved 5 pigs. It is difficult to save the pigs this cold Weather. The Sows will over lay them. Mr. Slack & party gone out to Mr. Harris's taking Mr & Mrs Devenpeck With them —

Tuesday 8" Party retd from 3 Mile Creek. Water threatening the Mill & fort. Mr. Chatfield Down. All Well Horace busy Separating his Sows. Three More are yet to come in.

Wednesday 9" Mr. Windes up Mr Slack & party left for home The Sows still continue to lose their pigs. 9 P. M. Wind South.

Friday 10" The Water runing down toward the Mill. Fear it will give us trouble recd letter from Senator Nesmith.

[132] January 1867 Friday 11" the Most disagreable day we have had. The Sows still losing their pigs although they are Well Sheltered. Wrote Senator Nesmith & Mr. Thos. Adams — regarding Mail route. #16003.

Saturday 12" We are having bad luck with our pigs two More reported dead this Morning. Making over 20 that we have lost — Mr Winslott called in his Sleigh rode up to town with him.

[133] January 1867 Tuesday 15" Mr. Winds called on his Way to Town. Says that a Man Who Stopd With him last Night told him that the old Mountaineer & guide Col. Jas Bridger was Killd last fall by some desperate fellow while in the Wind river country on his return to Fort Laramie. The fellow Was Suffered to Excape but justice Will overtake him When he least suspects it. From the Way Mr Kennedy related the affair to Mr Winds I am surprised that the assasin Was allowed to live — It has Much the appearance of Snow & feels like it too. To day one Year ago the

heaviest Snow Storm I have Ever Seen in the country commenced & lasted for Several days. I was caught by it at 3 Mile Creek & detained there Some two Weeks before I could get home With a horse Sows Still losing their pigs. At the present rate in a few More days Non will be left out of our 40 dropd.

[134] January 1867 Wednesday 16" Present from Lomprey a Nice piece fresh Pork. The Elder Fry in the goodness of his heart brewed for us last Night a Nice hot Whisky Toddy — "Enjoyed hugely" Judge Pomeroy up from Missoula Midnight Thawing rapid with Warm Sth. Wind.

Thursday 17" Judge Rand calld on his Way to town. Last Night had a Game of Crib accompanied by hot Whisky Toddy

Friday 18 the country is completely flooded Rode up to Town. Country completely inundated The Thaw Still continues 10 P. M. high Sth. Wind.

[135] January 1867 Saturday 19" Judge Pomeroy left this Morning for Missoula. We had Several games Crib. Whist & Back gamon While he Was here Which he Seemed to Enjoy very Much.

Tuesday 22nd two More pigs reptd dead — leaving Six out of our 40 dropd. Rode up to Wm Dobbins & dined on Spare ribs

[136] January 1867 Wednesday 23" Had a Visit from Revd Father Giorda. Recd a Mail by Mr. Ralls. No News of importance

Friday 25" Had a closely contested game of Back-Gamon With My Bro. & Mr. Jno A. Fry in which I as usual Was the undisputed Champion. Had a Visit from the Revd Father Giorda who remained to dinner & left for his Station. Horace boasts of five Noble & healthy pigs out of Some forty or More. May his Next Effort be More Successful. The Sows again taking the Boar —

Saturday 26" Mr. Clements up from Hell Gate, Ball up in town Fry Junr. reports — Game. Crib. Whist & BkGamon. Bro been for Lady.

[137] January 1867 Sunday 27" Mr Clermont left for home. Mr. Clemont on Yesterday brought us up quite a Mail. recd letter from the Hon. Saml Mc Lean Delegate in Congress. The impartial [?] Suffrage Bill for District of Columbia passd the house by a Vote Yeas 118 Nays 46 It is Said that Pres. Andy will Vetoe it but the Repretvs think they hav Strength Enough to pass the Bill over the Pres. Vetoe. When will the Nigger question rest. Not until Fred Douglas or Some other one of his Stamp is clothed with Supreme authority. 2 More pigs reptd Dead.

Monday 28" Water threatening Mill.

[138] January 1867 Tuesday 29" Went up above to look after the Water & open the creek — Water runing all over the Whole Country. A little uneasy for the Mill. Mr. F. H. Burr from Deer Lodge arrived.

Wednesday 30" The Water running freely. Thawing fast Mr. Burr gone out to 3 Mile Creek. Another pig reptd dead. Mr. Burr retd in time for dinner.

Thursday 31st Mr. Burr passed the day with us. The travelling being too bad for him to Venture Making a Start for home. Sundry Games — Whist — Crib & Back Gammon —

[139] February 1867

Friday 1st Water falling from arround Mill Mr. Winslott down from town. Game Crib & Backgammon With Mr. Burr — proved Myself the Champion & recd the Belt.

Saturday 2nd Mr. Burr left for home after dinner — The Water falling around the Mill having Cut through the ice in the Main Channel — Sent off quite a Mail

Sunday 3rd Walked up above the Head Gates & found the Creek open & clear. Water runing freely Recd an Eastern Mail.

[140] February 1867 Monday 4" Horse Saddled for a trip to Missoula A. M. Atkinson accompaning Me.

Sunday 10" retd from Missoula & Hell Gate found No ice in the Bitter root river travelling Very good. Hell Gate river broke up while I was at Missoula

Monday 11" The Snow in the fort Yard Nearly all gone.

Tuesday 12" Armstrong down with a load of Wheat for the Mill.

Wednesday 13" Turned Some Water in the flume for the purpose of cutting the ice.

[141] February 1867 Thursday 14" The Revd Father Rivalli rode up last Evening from Hell Gate on a Visit to the Revd Father Giorda who has been quite Sick for the past three days Geo Carley left for purpose of trying to find Mkt for his flour. Sheriff Larribee up from Missoula. Thawing None of consequence to day. Commenced Cutting channel in flume. The Revd Father Rivalli apprehensive of an attack of appoplexy under which the Revd. Father Giorda is laboring.

Friday 15" The Revd Father Went up Early this Morning to the Chapel to Say Mass. After Which Bro Frank & him Went up to See Lomprey & Delaware Jim. The Revd Father Giorda better this Morning. Mr. Luning up from Agency With Mail

[142] February 1867 Saturday 16" No Especial News by

last Nights Eastern Mail. The Revd Father Rivalli rose Early & Walked up to the Station before breakfast. Yesterday after dinner I walked up With him to see the Revd Father Giorda. Who I found convalescent & quite cheerful. This afternoon the Wind chopd around to the South & thawd considble Cutting a channel in flume for the Water to run through in order to cut away the ice.

Sunday 17 . . . Revd Father Rivalli walked up to the Chapel Early this Morning to Say Mass for the Indians — Old Wife off fishing — The Bitter root is Swarming with the finest trout in the World — The Ind Boys take them in the greatest abundance —

[143] February 1867 Monday 18" Commenced Cutting ice for ice house It is Not so good as usual — Revd. Father Rivalli absent.

Tuesday 19" Last Night We were very agreably surprised & Entertained by a Visit from the Stevensville Band. The Band is composed of two violins — two guitars — one Banjo — Bones — triangle &c They Make Very fair Music. Two of the instruments — 1 Violin & 1 guitar Were Made by Mr. Ralls & they Sound Very Well. Quite a production for a Bitter root Village — They gave us Songs — Railroad overture & juber [juberlees?] All of Which we Enjoyed hugely — 10 A. M. Wind Chopd around to the Nth Made the day too bad for getting ice. The Revd Father Rivalli Sent his horse by an Ind. with a Note Saying he would again join us this Evening. The Revd Father Giorda Much better.

[144] February 1867 Wednesday 20" Last Night Geo. Carley retd from his trip to Bear Gulch. Yesterday recd an Eastern Mail. Cutting Ice. The upper dam gorged with floating ice & Caused the Water to run in the flume. Walked & up to open it. Revd Father Rivalli here

Thursday 21st Cutting & hauling ice Hauled Sufficient for the ground tier which with the assistance of F. B. O. & D. Fry was Nicely Stored away. The Revd Father Rivalli left for his Station at Hell Gate.[20] He Went by the Way of 3 Mile crk. by request of Mr. Harris to see his Daughter Lucinda who is Sick —

Friday 22nd Cutting Ice. Have Succeeded in opening the Crk — above head Gates — All clear —

[145] February 1867 Saturday 23rd Cutting & hauling Ice — Have two tiers Stored away in the Icehouse 17 Loads.

Sunday 24" Walked up to town.

Monday 25" Rumpus in the Wig Wam Mr. Devenpeck & Lady

[20] " . . . Father Ravally pays me a visit (one day lost)." Harris, *Diary*, Feb. 21.

concluded to remain No longer. Squally — The rumpus in the Wig Wam Subsided — Mr D. & Lady have concluded that it is better to remain than to abandon their comfortable quarters at this unclement Season — So We are all happy once More — "Every thing is lovely & the Goose hangs high"

Tuesday 26" Thawing freely Water higher in Mill pit than any time during the Winter.

[146] February 1867 Wednesday 27" Bro Frank Very Kindly overhauled & rejuvenated. The "Old Arm Chair." Many Thanks — Walked up after dinner with some delicacies prepaired by Mrs. Devenpeck for the Revd Father Giorda Found him quite well. He Seems very grateful for the Kindness & attention recd from the Fort.

Thursday 28" Mr. Devenpeck absent. Went to Willow Creek on Yesterday. This is My old Dog Bull's 13th Birth day — Poor faithful fellow is Still Erect on his pins. With all his faculties Save that of hearing — Fat as he can roll & as happy & contented as one would Wish — May the Ball of his days be pleasant —

[147] March 1867

Friday 1st But little the appearance of Spring outside — Trying an Experiment With My ice by putting in Snow & Saturating it with Water. The Creek all open above & No Water running around the Mill. The Chaffins down from Chaffinsville.[81] Had a Nice Dinner Roast Beef Tomatoes olives &c &c & Corn bread Worth Boasting of Mrs. Devenpeck is a queen of Housekeepers —

Saturday 2nd Recd quite a Mail. No Especial News. The Act Gov. Genl. Meagher has called the Legislature in Extra Session to Meet on the 25" last Month.

Sunday 3rd The 39th Congress Expires to Night at 12 o'clock by Constitutional limitation.

[148] March 1867 Monday 4" The 40th Congress Meets this day Writing letters Most of the day

Tuesday 5" . . . Sent off a large Eastern Mail. Visit from Fathers Giorda & Tozay.[82]

Wednesday 6" Settled With Geo Carley. Dr. Dunbery up from the Jocko reservation. Last Night about as cold as any Night we have had during the Winter.

Thursday 7" Dr. Dunbery left for Willow Creek. Report from

[81] Chaffinville was a name applied to the country south of Stevensville where the Chaffins lived.

[82] Pascal Tose, S. J., a missionary at St. Ignatius. Palladino, *opus citra* (1894), p. 163.

the Flathead Camp Says that the Flatheads had a Severe Skirmish with Blkfeet Inds & lost Several Men & quite a Number of horses They report the Old Chief Moese shot through the Body. The reports however need confirmation. We hope things are Not So bad as reported.

[149] March 1867 Friday 8 I fear We are going to hav a late Spring. It frose as hard last Night as it has any time during the Winter Walked up to the dam above the head gates to remove the ice & clear the Stream. The Water rose in the Mill pit during the Night higher than it has any time this Winter. The water has been all Winter the Source of great annoyance. Will try & remedy it during the coming Summer. Another fine String of trout taken to day. We have had trout in the greatest abundance all Winter.

Saturday 9" Water higher in Mill pit than any time during the Winter. Opening the drains. It appears as if we were Never to have Spring. Martin & Myself opening the crk below head gates. Sandy Sow came in last Night. Four Pigs. Two found dead frose to Death.

[150] March 1867 Sunday 10" Mrs. D. gone above With Mr. Bass & Lady on a Visit to their Willow Crk friends — Blk Sows the last of the Eight came in last Night. Dropd 8 pigs one dead. We have had terrible luck up to this time. having lost all from the first Six Sows Except one. They Seemd to hav taken the very coldest Spells of Weather for dropping their litter. Mr. B. Parks a gent from Bear & Elk gulches is buying fat Cattle for Beef. Has Bot. Some forty head. at an average of some $75.00 pr head. Dr. Dunlevy retd from a trip up the Valley. He has been up as far as Girds Creek & reports but little or No Snow in the Vicinity of Willow Creek & above. Mrs. Thos. W. Harris & the children in from 3 Mile crk — Thawd None to day. This day one year ago Was about as Severe a day as I have Ever Seen in the country. Spring is backward. Revd Father Giorda unwell again. Recd an Eastern Mail.

[151] March 1867 Monday 11" A Terrible a day. In fact we have [had] No day during the Winter More Severe. Just Such a day as we had one year ago on yesterday. No News of Moment by yesterday Mail. Recd letter from Wm. A. Andrews Walla Walla & other. Putting Water on the Ice.

Tuesday 12" Dr. Dunlevy left for Missoula. Horace & George gone above after a young Steer for Beef. Wood pile quite low. Mrs. D. retd.

Wednesday 13" Last Night Evidently the coldest Night We have

had during the Winter. Every one housed. hugging the fire closely. Hard on Stock that came into the Valley last fall to Winter.

Thursday 14" More Mild than Yesterday. Putting Water on the Ice. Not thawing any.

[152] March 1867 Friday 15" Sent two of Amos Chaffins Cow's home. Frose hard last Night & thawed None of any Moment the Whole day. Winter Still Keeps us bound in her Icy fetters Horace & Mr. Devenpeck gone above With the two Cows. We have been closely housed for the past Week all hands hugging the fire for personal comfort.

Saturday 16" The Water thrown upon the Ice last Evening in the Ice house frose into one Solid Mass. Trying time on Stock. When are We to have Spring? Water again on Ice

Sunday 17" The ink & Mucilage frose last Night in the office — Busy writing letters. I have a fine lot of Ice in the house frose in one Solid Mass.

[153] March 1867 Monday 18" No prospect of Spring. Walked up to town. Fred Sherwood going to Missoula. Sent Mail by him. recd a Mail by Sherman — No Special News. After fighting the Water all Winter it has at last got the best of Me. by getting in on the Mill floor Killd a young Wild Steer for Beef.

Tuesday 19" Are we Never to have Spring. Chatfield laid up With an attack of inflamatory rheumatism —

Wednesday 20" The Sun is Supposed to cross the line to Morrow Hope we May hav a favorable change in the Weather. Recd letter from Acting Gov. Meagher concerning vote upon the Capital question. I can't conceive what right the Legislature had in Selecting the place for the Territorial Capital.[88]

[154] March 1867 Friday 22nd No appearance of Spring. The last pig of the last litter [passed?] out this Morning — leaving but one out of Some fifty dropd.

Saturday 23rd The Sun crossing the line Seems to have Made No very favorable change on the Weather. It is high time the farmer was doing something toward putting in his Spring Crop. The last two Weeks has been Severe upon the Stock Wintering in this Valley. Had a fine dish of Mt. trout for Breakfast — recd quite a large Mail.

[88] The Legislature passed a bill to locate the territorial capital at Helena subject to the approval of the voters. Congress annulled all acts of this legislature in 1867. In 1869 an election was held to locate the capital at Helena, and Missoula County voted two votes for Helena and two hundred sixty-six votes against. Montana, House Journal of the Third Session of Legislative Assembly, *opus citra*, 165, 275.

Thawd some little in the Sun toward Evening — Passed the latter part of the day reading our letters & perusing the papers. Things still look dark in the Political World East

[155] March 1867 Sunday 24" I See from My papers recd Yesterday that Genl. Thos. Francis Meagher has resigned[24] the Secretaryship of Montana Tery & that Jno P. Bruce Ed't of the Montana Democrat has been aptd in his Stead. The Genl. intends So report says taking up the practice of Law & locate himself permantly in Montana Territory — report also Says that Ex Senator Nesmith of Oregon will be offered the Secty ship of the War or Interior Dept. Either of Which he is Most Eminently qualified for. I myself would Much prefer Seeing him duly installed in the former position. He has been in the Senate War Com. for Some Six Years and has Made himself familiar with all the details of that responsible position. He indorses Pres. Johnson Policy throughout, as Most of the honest Politicians have done

[156] March 1867 Monday 25" Will Spring Never Come Is the Common Cry. Revd. Father's Giorda & Tozey paid us a Visit. Thawing quite freely in the Sun after Noon —

Tuesday 26" Some appearance of Spring. Mr. Ben. Harris in from 3 Mile Crk. Thawing freely after Noon —

Wednesday 27" recd Small Mail. Mr. Connally from Gold Creek writes Me that the Winter in that Section & Deer Lodge is unprecedented. Snow 3 feet on the level & Stock dying by the hundred. Intensely cold. Walked up to Town — Was present at the closing of a trial before Justice Parker Rollins Platf. Lafontaine Deft. Called upon the Revd Fathers — Sent off a Mail by the Revd Father Giorda who intends leaving in the Morning for Hell Gate Further News from Deer Lodge Confirmatory of the Severe Weather in that Section.

[157] March 1867 Thursday 28 Old Wife quite unwell with influenza. Most Every one Seems to have had an attack of the Same disease. Thawing freely Since 10 O'clk A. M. Find that My potatoes in the root house was Severely frosted the Night 12 Inst. Which was a Much Colder Night than any one during the Winter. To What Extent My potatoes are injured cant yet ascertain. Shall overhaul them So Soon as We have had Warm Weather to bring out the frost. Surgan My old herder brought Me a fine String of Trout the largest of Which Weighed 6 ¼ lbs. Walked up to the head Gates. Creek

[24] Meagher immediately recalled his resignation by telegraph.

frosen over. The Mill looks less like Starting than it did one Month ago. Old Wife better.

Friday 29" We Want a Warm rain with Sth Wind. W. W. Johnson up from Missoula.

[158] March 1867 Saturday 30" Mr Johnson passed the day with Me. Made an Effort to get Meridian observation of the Sun With Sextant. But it was to cloudy for getting a correct observation — By the one he got he thinks our time too fast — Old Wife improving — Mr D. Sick — 6 Oclk P. M. Warm. Inclination to rain Snow passed off freely to day — Mr. Johnson & Bro. Engaged Most of the day with game of chess. Frank in the goodness of his heart Exhumed a flagon of old States Urgenbaugh Relished by all hands hugely —

Sunday 31st. Mr. Johnson got a good observation of the Sun found our time 40 m. fast. Mr. Benj Parks left With his Cattle to day for Hell Gate — Thawing freely — Potatoes in root house badly frosted. Will remember Night 12 Inst. Some time. Mr. Johnson left for 3 Mile Creek

[159] April 1867

Monday 1st Cutting channel in flume Snow & Ice giving fast. Turned Some Water in. rode up to Town Mr. B. Parks did Not leave on Yesterday Thawing rapidly all day. Chas Drake commenced to Day as Miller at $100.00 pr Month & Board.

Tuesday 2nd Cut the Channel through to lower End of the flume Water runing the whole length of the flume finely — Blustery day. Rode up to See Lomprey. He is in a terrible Condition with his Eyes — He is very uneasy about them — It is Now about one Year Since his Eyes were first attacked. On My way home Called to pay My respects to the Revd Father Tozey. He is quite young & speaks but little English

[160] April 1867 Wednesday 3rd The Water runing through the flume finely & cutting the Ice from around Wheel. from present prospects will be able to run in a few days. Bro. Frank Exercising himself on horse back. Grist Brought to Mill.

Thursday 4" Thawing out Wheat Elevators — Snow going fast. Bro Frank Went out to 3 Mile Creek Yesterday — Recd a Small Mail to day. Reports from the East are that all the acts of the Legislature of Montana Ter. Excepting the first are by act of Congress Null & void. If so we are in a Very anomalous position The Bill — however — annulling the Legislature acts had Not Yet recd

the Sanction of the Prest.[85]

[85] By the Organic Act creating the Territory of Montana approved May 26, 1864, it was provided in Sec. 11 of the Act that "The governor shall receive an annual salary of two thousand five hundred dollars; the chief justice and associate Justice shall receive an annual salary of two thousand five hundred dollars."

These salaries were paid by the Federal government and believing that such salaries were inadequate, the so-called Bannack legislature (first Territorial session of 1864-5) passed a bill entitled:

"An Act to provide increased compensation to Officers in this Territory. Sec. 1 The salaries of the following officers are hereby increased in addition to the sums already provided by the United States Government as follows; To the governor and each of the Justices of the supreme court, the sum of twenty-five hundred dollars" — Approved Jan. 24, 1865.

The second session of the Montana Territorial Legislature, convoked by Acting-Governor Thomas Francis Meagher, passed an Act entitled "An Act to repeal an Act, to provide increased compensation to officers in this Territory; Sec. 1 That the Act entitled an Act, to provide increased compensation to officers in this territory, passed and made a law by the first Legislature of Montana Territory be, and the same is hereby repealed." Approved March 22, 1866.

It may be said that the compensation of the Secretary of the Territory, as well as the salary of the Members of the Territorial Legislature, was also increased and also repealed by the foregoing acts.

The right of Acting-Governor Meagher to call the second and third Legislative Assemblies was disputed in that the first Legislative Assembly had failed to pass an apportionment bill satisfactory to Governor Edgerton. He had vetoed the apportionment bill on the ground that it incurred too heavy expenses for the legislature.

The first Legislative Assembly had also passed a large number of private bills for the incorporation of companies for the building of toll roads, bridges, and ferries, which was against the spirit of the Enabling Act.

Congress took action on the disputed matter and "An Amendatory Act to provide a temporary government of the Territory of Montana," approved May 26, 1864, (Enabling Act) was passed and approved March 2, 1867, which provided among other things that, "Sec. 6, That all Acts passed at the two sessions of the so-called Legislative Assembly of the Territory of Montana, held in eighteen-hundred and sixty-six are hereby disapproved and declared null and void," and again in Sec. 1 "That the Legislative Assemblies of the several territories of the United States shall not after the passage of This Act, grant private charters or privileges," and again Sec. 5 "That for the purpose of reviving the Legislative functions of the Territory of Montana which have been adjudged therein to have lapsed." And the same amendatory Act of Congress provided that the Governor shall apportion the several legislative districts and thereafter the same shall be apportioned by the Territorial Legislature.

The result of the amendatory Act was that the Act increasing the compensation of territorial officers passed as the first Legislative Assembly was restored. Credit for the passage of the amendatory Act of Congress was due Wilber F. Sanders who made a trip to Washington to promote its passage.

The territorial elections for the members of the Legislative Assembly were controlled by the Democrats by an overwhelming majority for many years, while the territorial officers were appointed by Republican presidents, hence the continual difficulties. David Hilger.

Friday 5 Bro. retd from 3 Mile Crk. Charley Dressing Mill Burrs.

[161] April 1867 Saturday 6" The Revd Father Tozey called on his way to Hell Gate & St. Ignatius Mission. He informed us that the Revd. Father Giorda retd from the Mission St. Ignatius last Night & that the Revd Father Superior Glassy [Grassi] had called him down. He Seems to be a very pleasant good Man quite Young & Speaks as yet but little English. Charley finished dressing the Burrs. Walked up to Town to get Mr. Ralls to Make Some spouting

Sunday 7" No one Moving — Every thing quiet The Wheel is clear of Ice. Everything ready for a Start to Morrow.

Monday 8" Mr. Ralls finished putting the spouts in by 3 o'clk P. M. When Charly Shipd up & Started the Mill once More after Some 3 Mos rest. It Moves Charmingly — recd Mail.

[162] April 1867 Tuesday 9" Finishd Smutting 250 Bu. Wheat for Armstrong by 1 o'clk P. M. Sandy Sow took the Boar Revd. Father Giorda called at the Mill. Twenty two (22) Mill Picks five Large & 17 Small on hand — out of two Doz bot from St Louis —/64

Wednesday 10" Mill Working charmingly.[86] Charley is at Work on Armstrong Grist 230 Bu. Wheat Ground to day 150 Bu.

Thursday 11" Mill runing finely all day — Judge Pomeroy up from Missoula.

Friday 12" Mill runing finely — Mr. Devenpeck & Lady left to day "Bag & Baggage" I regret is very Much — It breaks up our Mt. Mess & family — Nevertheless it is So. Mrs Zugener came over to day to assist My old Wife in getting up Dinner.

[163] April 1867 Saturday 13" Depty M. X Beidler rode up last Evening & left this Morning for Missoula. Got No cook. Mess in a terrible fix.

Sunday 14" Geo Carley left for Kootenay — Rode up to town

"MAJOR OWENS AND HIS FLOURING MILL"

[86] "While in the vicinity, X. went up to visit his old friend Major Owens, whom he found in the enjoyment of good health and very intently engaged in running his splendid flouring mill in the Bitter Root valley. This mill is a three story building, and contains the most improved machinery for making No. 1 flour, etc. While there, our informant saw one pack train loading ten thousand pounds of flour from the Major's mill for the Kootenai mines; and he was appraised by the Major and others, that Similar shipments were not unfrequent to other parts of the country." Statement of "X" Beidler on his return from a trip to the Bitter Root in Helena *Herald* (No date) between May 2 and May 9, 1867.

with Mr. Ben. Harris — Some 250 Bu. Wheat brought to Mill to day —

Monday 15" left for Missoula With Judge Pomeroy

Thursday 18" Retd from Missoula in Company with Fred Sherwood

Friday 19 Charley dressing the Burrs

Saturday 20" Water runing Charley put the Burrs down by Noon & Commenced grinding — Covered My Ice with Saw dust & closed it up. I trust it will Keep Well. "Which it didn't to Augst 21"

[164] April 1867 Sunday 21" Took dinner With Gen. Zugener & family — Charley Mc Carty up from Missoula — Recd first letter from My old friend L. L. Blake & the New Ind. Agt. John W. Wells.[87] The Bitter root river is Very high Teams are Now taking the Mt. trail — Intend Setting out My fruit trees to Morrow The ground is Nicely prepared for them.

Monday 22nd Mill busy on Corn. Mr. Chaffin & family down With Bag & Baggage for Some Mining Camp. Charley finished grinding what corn was in the Mill — Bagd & Sifted 1004 lbs for the fort. Out of Meat —

Tuesday 23rd Mill busy on Some Smutty Wheat Potatoes Strate for Breakfast — Bot Nearly ½ of a young Beef this afternoon — Fred Sherwood getting up a Fren-Stew

[165] April 1867 Wednesday 24" Last Evening the Revd Father Rivalli arrivd from Hell Gate. General Zugener & family vactated the farm & left to day for Some Mining camp. Mr. Simms up from French Town. The Mill idle for want of grain commenced laying off the ground for My fruit trees — Walked up to Mission

Thursday 25" Commencd taking up & Setting out My fruit trees Some 200 trees out. I am Very Much dissappointed as to the condition Mr. Ritz left them in last fall — No possible chance to Separate them — Grapes Hops & other things Can't be found. Walked up to town — Bought 22 Bu. clean Wheat for Seed of G. W. Dobbins for Which I am to pay him flour in ½ Sacks @ $10.00 per 100 taking the Wheat @ $4.00 pr Bu — It is for Horace —

[166] April 1867 Friday 26" Setting out fruit trees. Walked up to Town the Water in Small creek by house Was in Town. Met Benny Parks who retd to day from Bear & Elk

Saturday 27" Bro. Frank from home last Night — Probably at 3 Mile Creek. Mr. Parks speaks very favorably on the prospect of

[87] John W. Wells was appointed Indian agent November 9, 1866, and died in 1868.

Bear & Elk Gulches. I trust they May [————————?] At this time last year they Were all the talk. Indian troubles anticipated on the Gallatin & Mo. river. Gen. Meagher has been authorized by the War Dept to raise & Equip 1000 Men. So report Says. Evening fine Shower of rain — Bro. Frank retd —

Sunday 28" Walked up to Town — Mr Sherwood up from Missoula With Mail — Charley Grind out the Toll Wheat —

[167] April 1867 Monday 29" Small Grist of Wheat brot to Mill from Willow Creek — Set out the Ball of fruit trees & Rasberries Had a Small piece of ground plowed.

Tuesday 30" Trenched Horace's fruit Trees — Smutted some club Wheat & flumed it. The farmers have sown but little wheat in this Section as yet. The Willow Creek farmers have Most of their grain in — It is Much Earlier twelve Miles above this than here — However there is plenty of time to Sow Wheat yet. The ground is cold yet & the Seed will Not germinate — Bro. Frank trying to buy a riding horse Saddle horses are Scarce

[168] May 1867

Wednesday 1st Mr Sherwood retd from Missoula. A Mr. John's in from Bear — Turning the Water in for the fruit trees & shrubbing. Ground getting dry. Bro. Frank getting ready for a trip to Agency Bear Gulch & other Mining Camps

Thursday 2nd Mill out of Wheat. Bro. Frank started for Missoula. He Was riding a young horse he bot from Mr T. W. Harris — partialy Broke — after going a short distance retd & concluded to Wait for Company — Irrigatg orchard — Mr. Sherwood down — Walked up to Town The Flathead Camp returning from Buffaloe after an absence of some Eight Months — Their horses are very poor & they have but little Meat — They have lost a Number of horses & Some of their people — By War &c

[169] Saturday 4" Ventillated My office. Mill idle for Want of grain. Walked up to Town Every thing quiet — Dull — Dull — Even the Chickens decline laying.

Sunday 5" Bro. Frank left this Morning in company with Mess Atkinson & Dyer for Missoula & Elsewhere — recd Small Mail by Mr. Davidson. No special News — Mr Dan Welch up from Missoula —

Monday 6" Work putting force pump in Mill — Mr. Welch left for Missoula Set Six Hens this Evening on Eleven Eggs Each — 66 Eggs —

[170] May 1867 Tuesday 7" Succeeded in getting My force

pump in the Well. Turned the Water in among My fruit trees Set another Hen on Eleven Eggs.

Wednesday " Madam Lomprey got a Severe fall from her horse a few days ago & was for Some time in a Critical Condition. She is alive to Day & that is about all. The Revd Father Giorda has been up to See her Recd letter from Maj. Graham date 17" ultimo.

Friday 10" Mess Bonner & Welch's Mule train up for load flour — Fine shower of rain. Found white Sow with Six Pigs. "105 days Since taking Boar."

[171] May 1867 Saturday 11" Bonner & Welch's train left this morning with Some 12000 lbs flour. Meal. Peas &c &c Two More Sows Came in to day — Dressing fruit trees. Most of them are budding finely — I trust they May do Well. Shall give them all the Care I possibly can.

Sunday 12" Recd from Mr. G. W. Dobbins ½ Gal. fresh Milk for 50¢ out of Which the Elder Mr. Fry brewed a fine pot of chocolate for breakfast — one Dollar a Gallon for Skim Milk Would Seem to a Mo farmer When butter used to be Worth 10 or 12 ½ pr lb. like a big price.

Monday 13" My fruit trees are budding finely. I have dressed them twice. the ground is in fine Condition. Recd letter from W. H. Barnhart an old friend. [dated] Feby 5" last.

[172] May 1867 Tuesday 14" My Bro. Frank retd last Evening from his trip to the Jocko & Bear Gulch Things dull & Much overdone Calld to See old Moese the Ind Chief just retd from Buffalo — He is very feeble & looks as though he has had his last hunt on this Earth. Poor Man.

Wednesday 15" finished Watering the orchard. Agt Wells [and] Maj. Blake up from Jocko reservation. Nips — Nips

Thursday 16" Spent a very pleasant Day With Mr Wells Blake & others

Friday 17 Mr Wells & Blake left for the Agency. Lost or Mislaid My old Merschawm. One that I have Smoked for Some Six years. "No Buff. tongues recd yet.

[173] May 1867 Saturday 18" My pipe Still lost. recd Mail.

Sunday 19" Walked up to church Had the Father to [advise?] the Indians & people of the loss of My pipe Set five Duc Eggs under a Dunghill Hen. Trees & Shrubery looking & doing Well. "8 Buff tung in"

Monday 20" Shff Laribee up from Missoula. An interesting Mail from the East Announcing the passage of the Bill Creating

Land office in Montana Territory Mr Adams writes Me that one Genl. Charlie Campbell has been aptd Surveyor Genl. I hope that Mr Adams May be Mistaken in the person & that it is the Campbell that was Chief of the Boundary Commission."[88] He is Eminently qualified. The Land office Bill is Good any how —

[174] May 1867 Tuesday 21st Every one alarmed for the Grass. Hopper. The ground is literally covered with them. Doct. Baker the Physician for Ind resv up last Evening — Busy all day pricbing for invalids. Revd Father Giorda took dinner with us — Fresh Beef from Lomprey.

Wednesday 22nd Doct. Baker Still Visiting & administering to the Sick Ind — My old Miller — Geo. Carly retd last Evning from his trip to Kootenay Nine O'clk P. M. a gentle Shower of rain

Thursday 23rd Mr. Dobbins Sick. Walked up to see him With the Doct. Judge Pomeroy up from Missoula.

[175] May 1867 Friday 24" The Mill has had Some little work for the last two days. Dr Baker Still Engaged attending the Sick. Mr Dobbins better. My trees show the good of the last rain. It Was a timely Shower. Dr. Baker left for the Agency. My Snake Corp's overhauling potatoes in the root house. Not So Many frosen as I had Anticipated. Grass hoppers — 'till you can't rest. Apprehension of the Crops. Ruin Staring us in the face. Bro. Frank gone to 3 Mile Creek for his [————?] Horse ret'd in time for dinner — reports crop looking Well on the 3 Mile Creek farms.

Saturday 25" Fine Weather for the Crops. Hope it May check the Grasshoppers. Making chicken Kubes [coops]. The Elder Fry & Judge Pomeroy.

[176] May 1867 Sunday 26" Walked to Town With Judge Pomeroy Met Bro. Frank. Had a Tansy Julip at Saloon Dr Chatfield Collins up from Agency. recd Eastern Mail. Raining Most of the Day. Farmers Still uneasy about the Grasshoppers —

Monday 27" Judge Pomeroy left for Missoula & Bro. Frank for Helena. Mr Sherwood retd reports trains coming this Way for Salmon. recd Small Mail. Letter from My old friend Capt J. C. Ainsmith Prest O. S. N. Co. Portland Oregon

Tuesday 28" Carley left on yesterday for the Mines. His adventure to Kootenay turned out badly. Alarming reports about Snake Inds. Examine Ice. Not Keeping Very Well. Hens coming off With broods

[88] Solomon Meredith was appointed first surveyor general of Montana, April 18, 1867.

[177] May 1867 Wednesday 29" recd Small Mail. S'hff Laribee up from Missoula.

Thursday 30" My old friend C. T. Mc Donald[88] of H. H. B. Co in chge Columbia district up from Colville also Capt Fitzstubbs [?] of the Flathead Post. Passed a Very pleasant Evening.

Friday 31" Walked up to town With Capt. Fitzstubbs Mc Donald off visiting Some old friends. These Indians revere him — They have Known him for Many Years. He has been a friend to them always Willing to give them good Council. He has a thorough Knowledge of the Ind Character — Intend leaving in the Morning for Missoula. Long life & happiness attend him.

[178] June 1867 Wednesday 5" retd from Missoula accompanied by Ind. Agt. Wells Maj. L. L. Blake Judge's Pomeroy & Rand and Mr Ned Bonner of the firm of Bonner & Welch. Capt. Fitzstubbs also retd with Me. In fact we Made the round trip together

Thursday 6" Agt. Wells holding a Council with the Inds. Some dissatisfaction with the Indians regarding the Bitter root Valley — They contend that they never relinguished their right to it to the U. S. [NOTE. Owen had previously admitted that the Valley would be settled in violation of the Treaty.]

Friday 7" the Grasshopper doing considerable damage. They are cutting My young trees. Some of the Crops have been completely destroyed by them. Gloomy prospects — Council closed to day. Hired at Missoula a China Man for Cook $10.00 pr Week.

[179] June 1867 Saturday 8" Agt. Wells & Party — Mr Mc Donald & Capt. Fitzstubbs left for Missoula —

Sunday 9" Mr. Raup over from the other Side of the river — Says the Grasshopper has taken Some Seven Acres of his Wheat — In fact the ground is black with them. The farmer has cause for being alarmed. It will ruin us all if this years Crop is lost. They are Making severe demonstrations upon My young trees.

Monday 10" recd Eastern Mail — Grasshopper doing great havoc. They have Striped Nearly all My Young trees. It is really discouraging. Mill busy on Indian grists. There is considerable Wheat in the country but the farmer is slow bringing it in.

[180] June 1867 Tuesday 11" Walked up & Called upon Mrs Dobbins Had a fine drink of fresh Butter Milk. The Grasshopper has taken Mr Dobbins Entire Crop. Garden & all — It is truly discouraging. There are but few of My trees that have Escaped their ravages

[88] Probably Angus McDonald.

Wednesday 12" Fixing a pen for My young pigs. It is time to Wean them.

Thursday 13 Turned the Water in on the orchard. Cyrus Mc Whirk County assessor down from Willow Creek & Skarkahho gives terrible accounts of the ravages of Grasshoppers. Lafontaine here to day Says they have Not reached him Yet. But few crops have been unmolested by them.

[181] June 1867 Friday 14" The Grasshoppers are leaving My Young orchard after committing all the ravages they Well could. But few trees that were looking so fresh & Well some Week ago Escaped. I trust they will Start anew. I am watering them again. Some Wheat coming in for Milling — Indians all leaving Some for the Camash & others for the Buff grounds. It Keeps them on the Move to Keep Soul & body up Buff. are growing Scarce & they have to go far to find them.

Saturday 15" Settled a/c with Mr. Bass Walked up to See Mrs. Dobbins.

Sunday 16" Rode down to Mr. Bass's The Grasshopper has destroyd his Entire Garden. They are in piles — The ground Black With them. Light Shower.

[182] June 1867 Monday 17" Cyrus McWhirk left for Missoula. Irrigating My trees. The Elder Fry Making himself generally Useful With John Chinman. Cleaning up fort yard looking after the Young Chicken &c Had a Visit from the Revd Father Giorda who remained to Tea. The day has been lovely.

Tuesday 18" Dr. Baker up from the reservation. Brought quite a large Mail for us. Dressed Mill Burrs.

Wednesday 19" Dr. Baker Visiting Sick Indians. Working among My trees. Mill runing on toll wheat. The Elder Fry Making himself generally useful look after young chicken pigs &c Nephew at the Agency.

[183] June 1867 Thursday 20" rode down with Dr. Baker to See Mrs. Harris & family. Miss Harris indisposed. Mrs Lanear gave us a fine dish of Cottage Cheese. Lettuce onions & radishes. The Grasshopper is cutting Mr Winde's Wheat. It is the general cry — What are we to do for the Grasshoppers. It is truly discouraging. Mr. Dobbins retd from his trip to Salmon river & brings No Very Encouraging report.

Friday 21" Dr. Baker left for the Jocko agency In town to day testing Some rock from 8 Mile Creek. It proved to be copper with Some little Silver probably. The rock looks Well & has all the ap-

pearance of Argentiferous Galence. [?] Glorious shower of rain about Sun Set. Still Working among My Young Trees.

[184] June 1867 Saturday 22nd Castrated the young Boar Pigs. Recd ¼ fresh Beef from Lomprey. Quite acceptable. Cut it up & put it down in the Ice house. The river & Creeks very high. The river as about as full as I Ever Saw it. Lovely Weather for the Crops that Escaped the ravages of the Grasshopper. Saw Martin [He] left this Morning for Missoula. He came up yesterday. No News. Wrote Mr Adams a letter on Yesterday. He is My W. C. Correspondent & a Very faithful one he is too. My John China Man is a first rate Cook. His bread is Excellent. The Mill has been Idle for the past three days. Bro. Frank retd. from Helena. "Absent 25 days"

Sunday 23rd Scalded hog feed. Bro. Frank reports things Very dull at Helena. The Country Much depressed.

[185] June 1867 Monday 24" Commenced Making Some Adobes for hen house. Judge Pomeroy & Sheriff Larribee up from Missoula.

Tuesday 25" Bro. Frank left for the Jocko reservation. Judge Pomeroy & Shff. Larribee for Missoula. They brought No Mail

Wednesday 26" Up in town. Mess Winslott & Houk's train retd from Salmon. Mr. Houk says things are completely overdone. Flour selling for 8¢ per lb. other things in proportion. Gloomy. Overhauled My potatoes. rubd off the Sprouts. Mill idle for Want of grain — Grasshopper Commencing to fly — Hope they will Soon leave us. They have done considerable damage. The Revd Father Tozy up from St. Ignatius Mission. My young pigs thriving. Took Dinner to day With Mr. Dobbins.

[186] June 1867 Thursday 27" Ice Water is quite acceptable. Grasshoppers again Working on My young trees — Not being satisfied with having stripd them they are now attempting to girdle them. I am discouraged truly.[40] The author of this record is "49" years old. this day. Waters receeding Some — Still they are too high for good trout fishing — There the trout have So fine a harvest of grasshoppers that land in Myriads in the Streams that they are Not

[40] "Let no Montanian get the blues over the present temporary depression . . . We say, then, let every citizen be of good cheer, practice forbearance towards his fellow men, assist one another wherever any are embarrassed, persevere in legetimate business and pursuit, be industrious, economical and hopeful, and a few short weeks will again place every citizen upon an independent and prosperous footing."

There had been an "exodus of a large mass of our surplus population for the States." Helena *Herald*, June 12, 1867.

Eager for the fly — Mosquitoes Commenced Making their appearance. Potatoe Bugs cutting the potatoe vines. What Next! Time will reveal — Revd Father Giorda left for Mission St. Ignatius — Sent Mail by him.

Friday 28" Mill runing few hours this afternoon Bobd My pigs tails. Oppressive day — Separated the Sows from their pigs for the purpose of weaning them.

[187] June 1867 Saturday 29" The precinct Convention Calld Some days ago to Meet to day was a complete fizzel. No one Seems to take any interest in the political condition of the Country. In fact Most of the offices go begging. The Grasshopper about ready to fly When I trust they Will Migrate to Some other country.

Sunday 30" We have been Some little uneasy for the past Week owing to a raid having been Made into the Valley by Some reckless Snake Indians. Some few days ago & Stole Some few head of horses. The Flathead & Snake tribes are Not on the best of terms. Ice Water very acceptable. It is Warm. & but little breese the past Week Potatoe Bugs still cutting the Vines. In Some parts of the Valley the Crops So far have Escaped the ravages of the Grasshopper. recd letter from Mr. Adams & ag't J. W. Wells

[188] July 1867

Monday 1st The ground is getting quite thirsty for Want of rain. I am Now Watering My young trees again. The first Brood of Grasshoppers are Now Commencing to fly & Swarms of them raise in the air & leave for Some New field of operation — They have done great havoc in this Section — Revd. Father Tosy Called this Morning on his Way to Mission St. Ignatius Set five Hens on Eleven Eggs Ea John Bamaby a ½ breed Was drowned on yesterday in the Bitter root river in trying to Swim his horse across to this Side. Set another Hen on 13 Eggs Making Six Hens in a State of incubation Recd Eastern Mail — Mr. Thos Adams from W. C. writes Me that his Wife presented him With a fine Boy some Month Since — Recd letter from My Dear Neice she has been at the Moravian Seminary Some 3 Yrs.

[189] July 1867 Tuesday 2nd Ground very thirsty — Chatfield down from Town. He retd last Evening from his trip to Salmon. Henderson. Bear & other Minig Camps. He says that Flint Creek bids fair to be the Camp of the Season. Set another Hen to day on Eleven Eggs —

Wednesday 3rd This Morning about Day Light four Snake Ind's Made a Visit to old Seargans Corall for the purpose of Stealing

horses. Seargan heard a Noise among his horses & got up & Went out of his Lodge & the rascals decamped in great haste leaving one horse they had with their Blkts & other traps on him. Probably some other parties Suffered. Rode up to see Lomprey & Lafontaine. Lafontaine has a fine prospect for Wheat. He is busy irrigating — Fine breese this afternoon. "Anna's letter May 30" Mothers June 3rd"

[190] July 1867 Thursday 4" Another National Anniversary has rolled around. With us it has been as quiet as any other day — Not a Julip or Toddy — to Stir up ones patriotism & remind him of the Convivial parties in the More Civilized portion of the continent. The Mrs. Slack. Wood & Devenpeck caled & took dinner with us. Mr & Mrs Devenpeck are on their way for America. They intend going With Mr Slack as far as Helena & from there to Benton by public Conveyance & then take Boat for St. Louis —

Friday 5" Last Night after going to bed I was aroused by a Noise inside the fort Which was occassioned by old Seargans Wife coming over to inform My Wife that Seargan had got a shot at some one approaching his horses. Some party retired no doubt. Wether the Ball hit its Mark or Not Can't Say. Leave for Missoula

[191] July 1867 Sunday 14" retd from a trip to Missoula. Jocko reservation & H. B. Co post. It had been Some three years Since I had been as far down in that direction. Fred Sherwood here from Salmon. The Snake Indians Still hanging around for the purpose of stealing horses — During My absence they stole & got away with quite a Number. Mr. Harris on 3 Mile Creek was quite a loser. The Grasshopper have left. The Crops require rain. The ground is very dry. Things look gloomy.

Monday 15" Sherwood left for Flint Creek. To day the Territorrial Convention Meets at Helena. Many aspirants in the field. Turned the Water into My orchard. Settled a/c with G. M. Windes & took his Note for Ball due $145.75 He has been unfortunate His crop destroyd &c leaves in a few days for Flint Crk Silver Lodes — Hope he May do Well. He is a fine Mechanic. "Blk Sow 12 young Pigs"

[192] July 1867 Tuesday 16" Walked up to town & retd by the Mission Calling on Revd Father Giorda. The Sow with her 12 young pigs doing well. Quite a litter — Mill busy to day. Bro. Frank retd from 3 Mile Creek where he had been on a visit for a few days. Mr. Lafontaine down. Says he has the finest prosepct for Wheat he ever had. Since the Grasshoppers departed the farmer

carries a More cheerful face. The damage done falling far Short of what Was Expected. Three Mile Creek is fine Bro. Frank Says — Wind Nth. the latter part of the day & Cool.

Wednesday 17" Mill runing. Mr. Robertson from Missoula Mr. King & Geo. Carley from Henderson Gulch[41] arrived. No Special Word Bro. Frank Mr. Fry & others preparing for a prospecting tour — A cold rain this afternoon —

[193] July 1867 Thursday 18" I am in better Spirits about My fruit trees. they are all Starting again. Mr. King left for Henderson Gulch by way of Burnt fork — Rode up to See Lomprey. Found him Still confined to the house With his Eyes & his Wife Sick also. This Eving Mr. King ret'd after going as far up as Mr. Lafontaines from whom he learnd that it was Not Safe to take the route on account of high Water.

Friday 19" Mr Robinson & King left this Morning for Missoula. It is astonishing how cool it Keeps. Our harvest will be backward unless We have rain & Warm Nights. For the past two Nights had it been clear we certainly Would have had frost. Stock is doing well it being too cold for the annoying flies. We have had but but few Mosquitoes as yet. My old Wife retd with fine String of trout to day.

[194] July 1867 Saturday 20" Two of My pigs last Evening were carried through the flume & Killd by the fall at lower End — Warmer to day than it has been for Some time. Watering My fruit trees. Another pig took a voyage down the flume & Was badly hurt by the fall below. It May live but I doubt it. Bro. Frank Very Kindly put a sack in the upper End of the flume to prevent any More Such disasters. Quite a Number of Strangers passd down the Valley — They appeared very Much like Miners. A side of fresh pork for dinner. The Bitter root is fordable at this place. Terrible Blow this Evening.

Sunday 21st The Gale We had last Evening laid My fences low & did Some damage to the flume. Geo Carley left for America. Paid a Visit to Lomprey — Mr. Fry Kindly Volunteered to repair fence —

[195] July 1867 Monday 22nd Prospecting party left this Morning — Judge Pomeroy rode up from Missoula rest'd a few hrs & retd. Jas Cavenaugh[42] a prominent Lawyer of Helena recd Nomination for Delegate to Congress. "Can't Say" —

[41] Henderson Gulch was a rich mining gulch opening into the Deer Lodge Valley.

[42] James M. Cavanaugh was a Democrat and elected. Missoula County gave him a majority of its vote.

Tuesday 23rd Two More Hens off with their Broods — Judge Pomeroy Says that they have had hard frosts in the Hell Gate rond & French Town Settlement. Which has done considerable damage [to] the Wheat Crops. Mr. Tipton had 30 acres Killd. Quite a loss — Capt Higgins at Missoula is cutting his Wheat for forage. being too dry for it to ripen The Season has been Very dry & backward. The Crops Want rain badly at this time. Mr. Dunbar a Young Gen't. from Philad'a arrivd With letter from King & Gillette of Helena. He is En route for San Francisco. "A Flagon from Dan Welch 2nd."

[196] July 1867 Wednesday 24" The Revd Father Giorda called. retd With the Revd Father & retd by Way of town — Day Warm — In fact Sultry — No Breese —

Thursday 25" Mr. Windes overhauling runing Gear of Mill — Ice Water Very acceptable Mr. Houk retd from the Mines by the burnt fork trail. If the Camp on Flint creek turn out big We Will have a Wagon road Made over the Mt by burnt fork — It is Much nearer.

Friday 26" My fruit trees will relish the rain. The ground Was Very thirsty. Mr. Dunbar the young Philadelphian left Yesterday for Missoula on his Way to San Francisco. He intends returning home via the Isthmus. Paid visit to Lomprey He gets very tired of being confined to the house

[197] July 1867 Saturday 27" Mr. Windes put the shafts back in their places. He thinks it is all right Now. Dr. Baker up from Missoula Called to See Mrs Kinney Case of child Birth — Small Mail.

Sunday 28 Midnight last Night Chatfield Called on his Way for Coroner Parker to hold inquest upon the body of Louis Grandmaison who was Killd by Some French Man I dont Know Cause Whiskey — Walked up to Town & Was present at the Post Mortem Examination Made by Dr. Baker & the trial by the Jury Summond by the Coroner Verdict. Deceased Meet his death by Stabs inflictd by prisoner with Sharp Knife — The prisoner Was [————————?] & to Morrow will be Sent to Missoula to Await his trial — Team up from reservation for "Ice" ——

[198] July 1867 Monday 29" Was in Town at the Examination of the Man that Kild Grandmaison Revd Father Rivalli arrivd Dr. Baker left for Missoula

Tuesday 30" The Agency Wagon left last Evening with Ice. Our

prospecting party retd Bro. Frank horse got away from him absent 7 days

Wednesday 31″ The Mill runing to day. Revd Father Rivalli passed the Night at the fort. Sandy Sow with Six pigs found to day in the field Every thing is wanting rain — The Sandy Sow took the Boar on the 9th of April Making 113 days to time of having pigs. Old Wife off after berries in the Mts. Fine String of trout — Ice Very acceptable. Some of the Sows Went only 105 days from time of taking Boar.

[199] August 1867

Thursday 1st Spent the day With Mr Bass & family.

Friday 2nd Mr. Robinson up from Missoula [He] intends building a house & open a store — He has been Bookkeeper for Bonner & Welch. Commenced Watering My fruit trees — The ground is Very thirsty. Recd Mail. letter from E. W. Toole[45] of Helena. No Special News. Pleasant breese this Evening —

Saturday 3rd Rode down to Freemans & on the Island looking for a truant hog. Saw Mr Ben Harris in town — he brought in Some fine New potatoes — onions — turnips &c. Mr. Robinson passd the day & the Revd Father Rivalli the Night. With Me. Still No rain.

Sunday 4″ Mr. Robinson left this Morning for Missoula. The Revd Father Rivalli left for Hell Gate.

[200] August 1867 Monday 5″ Mess. White. Clement & Woodman[46] up from Hell Gate on an Electionary tour A train of 50 pack Mules passd En route for Salmon river. loaded With a general

[45] Edwin Warren Toole was born in Savannah, Mo., March 24, 1839, and died in Helena, Mont., May 18, 1905. He came to Montana in 1863, and engaged in mining. He opened a law office in Helena in 1865, and soon came to be recognized as one of the leaders of the Montana bar, holding that place until his death.

In all the great cases either during territorial or State times he appeared on one side or the other, and often appeared before the United States Supreme Court, notably in the case of the Northern Pacific R. R. against Richard Barden, et. al., which he finally won for his client. This court paid him a high compliment on his original brief filed in the case.

But once was Mr. Toole persuaded to become a candidate for office for delegate to Congress in 1871, and this was much against his will. He was defeated by William H. Clagett, owing to a dissatisfaction in the Democratic party in Lewis and Clark county, and then only by a narrow margin. He was a brother of Joseph K. Toole, three times elected Governor of Montana. David Hilger.

[46] White was elected county assessor, Woodman defeated for sheriff, and Clement defeated for coroner by John Owen.

Stock of Groceries. The old Spaniard irrigating My orchard. Ground thirsty. No prospects of rain.

Tuesday 6" Charley Dressing the Burrs. There is some Wheat in the Mill. Farmers are preparing for harvest. Some are Cutting their Oats & Barley Now The Wheat in places Commenced turning. It will [be] ready to cut in a short time — Hauling adobes. Walked up to Town — found Nearly Every one gone —

Wednesday 7" Found My truant hog — Walked down to Squire Parkers recd Small Mail. Mill runing.

[201] August 1867 Thursday 8" Recd a very Kind Note from Mrs. Gen. Thos F. Meagher with Photographs of herself & husband — Poor Woman she is sorely afflicted.[45] The pictures shall be a treasured Souvenier & Shall occupy a place in My Album with others dear to Me. Whose hearts beat in Unison with My Own she reverts with great pleasure to the visit she & the General Made Me a little over a year ago. Recd Some New potatoes. onions & Cabbage — from Jno. Robinson. Finishd hauling the Adobes for hen house.

Friday 9" Had a Visit from the Revd. Father Giorda He is in trouble about Lumber with the Mill Men on the other Side. Judge Rand up from Missoula brings the report that Col. Sanders[46] recd the Nomination for Delegate to Congress from the radical Convention that Met a Week ago in Helena — There will be a Warm Canvass

[202] August 1867 Saturday 10" Judge Rand informed Me this Morning that there Was a U. S. Surveying party below Making Survey of the lands claimed by the Hudson Bay Co & the Catholic Missions. and that So Soon as they get through on the Jocko that they Would be up here on Same Mission. No rain Yet — Every thing burng up. Ice Water Very acceptable. Terrible Blow this Evening. Dust flying in Clouds. Light Shower. Maj. Blake & a Mr Tyler arrivd from the Silver Lodges via Burnt fork.

Sunday 11" Mr Tyler Who came With Maj. Blake is an old quartz Miner. He has been looking at Some rock I have from different parts of the Vally which he pronounces as good. He will Visit 8 Mile Creek & look at Some Lodes there — Walked With Maj. Blake down

[45] Meagher fell off the steamboat G. A. Thompson which was lying near Fort Benton and was drowned July 1, 1867.

[46] Wilbur F. Sanders came to Montana with the early gold rush. He achieved prominence through his prosecution of the road agents. For many years he was a leader of the Republican party in Montana. His career may be followed through the files of the Montana newspapers and in the *Contributions* of the Historical Society of Montana.

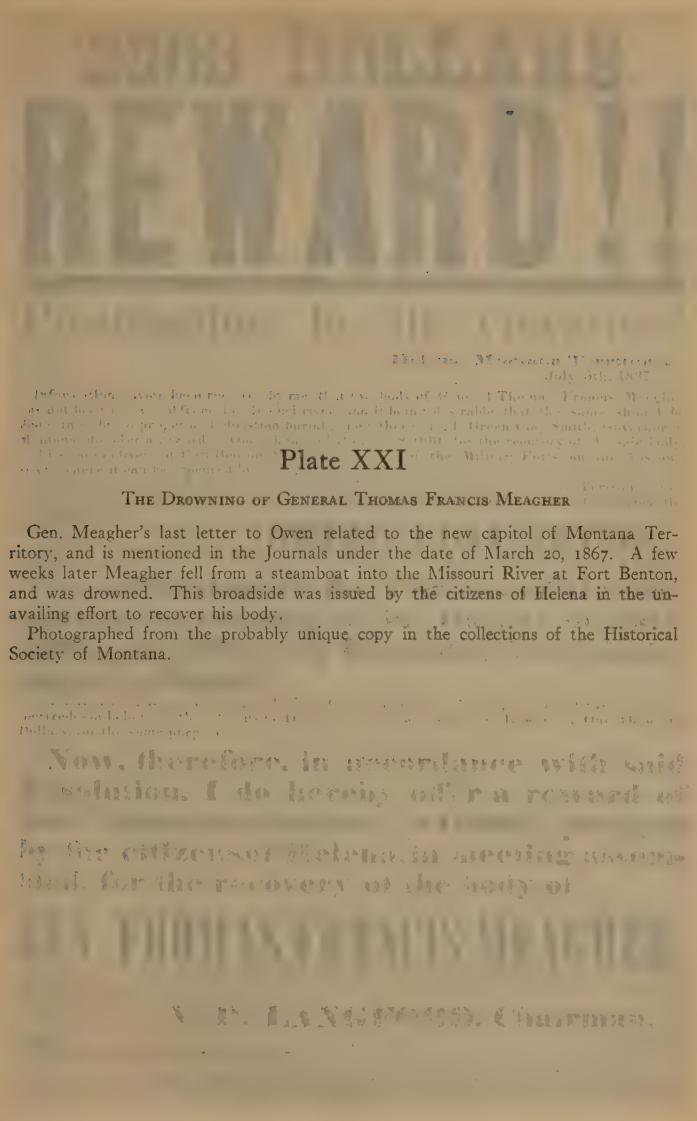

Plate XXI

THE DROWNING OF GENERAL THOMAS FRANCIS MEAGHER

Gen. Meagher's last letter to Owen related to the new capitol of Montana Territory, and is mentioned in the Journals under the date of March 20, 1867. A few weeks later Meagher fell from a steamboat into the Missouri River at Fort Benton, and was drowned. This broadside was issued by the citizens of Helena in the unavailing effort to recover his body.

Photographed from the probably unique copy in the collections of the Historical Society of Montana.

PLATE XXI

2000 DOLLARS REWARD!!

Proclamation by the Governor!

Helena, Montana Territory,
July, 5th, 1867.

Information having been received by me, that the body of General Thomas Francis Meagher has not been recovered from the Missouri river, and it being desirable that the same should be done, in order to proper and christian burial; now therefore, I, Green Clay Smith, Governor of Montana, do offer a reward of One Thousand Dollars ($1000) for the recovery of the said body, and its safe delivery at Fort Benton, St. Louis or either of the Military Forts on the Missouri river, where it can be procured by friends.

In testimony whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and the great seal of the Territory, this, (L. S.) the day and date above written, and the Independence of the United States of America, the ninety-first

GREEN CLAY SMITH,
Governor of Montana Territory.

At a Meeting of the Citizens of Helena, held on the evening of the 4th day of July, 1867, the following Resolution was unanimously adopted:

RESOLVED, That N. P. Langford, Esq., Chairman of the Meeting, be, and he is hereby authorized—in behalf of the citizens of Helena—to offer an additional Reward of One Thousand Dollars, for the same purpose.

Now, therefore, in accordance with said Resolution, I do hereby offer a reward of One Thousand Dollars, ($1000,) pledged by the citizens of Helena, in meeting assembled, for the recovery of the body of

GEN. THOMAS FRANCIS MEAGHER,

And its delivery at either of the places designated in the foregoing Proclamation of Governor Green Clay Smith.

N. P. LANGFORD, Chairman.

Attest:
PETER RONAN, Sec'ry.

Rocky Mountain Gazette Job Print, Helena, Montana.

to Parkers. Mr. P. had Killd a Small Beef & promised Me a piece for breakfast.

[203] August 1867 Monday 12" Blake off Shooting. Baggd a few brace Young Malards. Had a Nice piece of Beef for Breakfast — The first fresh Meat in a long time. The Flatheads returning from their hunt for Bulls Old Victor the Chief has been home Some two or three days. Old Wife off fishing & picking Berries. Bro. Frank. Maj. Blake & Mr. Tyler gone out to three Mile Creek — Stuffd & Baked Malard for dinner quite a treat.

Tuesday 13" recd Mail No Especial News. Mr Bass leaves to day for the Mines with two Wagons loaded with Vegetables & flour. Proposition rec'd from Col. W. L. Irwine [?] of Deer Lodge to Exchange Groceries for flour. Sent off Eastern Mail — Bro Frank & party retd late — Maj Blake had baggd Some 15 brace young Prairie Chickens

[204] August 1867 Wednesday 14" Up in town With Maj Blake. My Miller Dischgd for stricking My John Chinaman Cook. A cowardly act. Blake Sent his Boy to Missoula for Some things —

Thursday 15" Settled With My Miller — Dr. Baker up from Missoula. Horace favor'd us this Evening with a favorite air accompanied by his Guitar. Sent 2 of Blakes & Bro Franks Birds to Mrs. Dobbins. John Chinaman Eye badly Swolen Dr. Baker very Kindly dressd it — for him — Blake got up a splendid supper. Stewd Birds roast Duck. Summer Squash &c He is a prince of Caterers — A Splendid Shot & angler good company — Likes a toddy as all good Men do. He says Bro. Frank will Make a Sportsman

[205] August 1867 Friday 16" Blake & Dr. Baker brewed a Nice tansy toddy for an appitiser —

Saturday 17" Bro. Frank & Maj. Blake gone shooting. The hunters retd with a fine lot of Birds. The Revd Father Rivalli called. Bro. Frank's Horse found.

Sunday 18" Blake & Myself Walked up to town. Found Dr. Baker there who accompanied us to the Fort. John getting up a Nice pot pie for Dinner. recd. letter from Agent J. W. Wells & Capt. Fitzst[ubbs]

Monday 19" Self riser [————————?] up from Oregon — Answered Capt. Fitzstubbs letter. Bro. Frank & Maj Blake busy fixing up for their contemplated trip prospecting — Sheriff Larribee up from Missoula & left for Willow Crk Dr. Baker retd from 3 Mile Creek

[206] August 1867 Tuesday 20" The ground very thirsty for

Want of rain. In fact I think it is the driest Season I have Ever Seen in the country. Wheat is turning fast & will Soon he ready for the Cradle. report in Circulation that the Flatheads were holding consultation at the Lo Lo fork to take into Consideration the propriety of ordering the Whites to leave the Country &c. It is all "Bosh" No doubt. The Indians are dissatisfied With the hanging of one of their Young Men by a party of White Men last "spring on the Gallatin for Stealing horses." Paid My Jno Chinaman Cook $110.00 for Eleven Weeks Service to this day. Bro. Frank Maj. Blake & party did Not get off to day. But have gone shooting. Dr. Baker off Visiting Patients — No one Stiring to day It being too Warm. few grists Coming to Mill — "Ice" for Butter & Cooling drinks Very acceptable. Tansy &c The Hunters retd With fine lot of Birds.

[207] August 1867 Wednesday 21st Had a fine breakfast — basted Birds — With gridle cakes — fresh Butter & a good cup of coffee — Horace left for Deer Lodge — Shff. Larribee for Missoula. Dr. Baker Called up to See Mrs. Robbins. Maj. Blake & party left for Upper End of the Valley. on a prospecting tour. A Very unpleasant family jar — recd letters from My Sister Mrs. Fry & Judge Pomeroy. The latter transmitted Me correspondence between himself & Ind. Agt. J. W. Wells of a hostile Character. Walked up to the Mission & Called upon Revd Father Giorda & had Some talk with him relative to the present alarming reports that are Circulating around — Munitions of War are in requisition. Trust it will all blow over — Washing Some Smutty Wheat. I fear that there will be Considerable Smut in the present Crop. Farmers are Now Cutting Oats —

[208] August 1867 Thursday 22nd Settlers Still uneasy as to the report of the Indians. Guns are being hunted up & put in order. My Jno. Chinaman gone to Missoula to Meet a Bro. My old Wife taking his place for the time being — Some few heads of young Cabbage from Mr. Jno. Robinson Basted Chickens for Dinner. Have recd My "disghd" Miller Mr C. C. Drake With Kindness — He Was kind Enough to Walk to town & have My flagon filld — Policy in all things So the "World Wags" — Tansy Julips With Ice Very Nice

Friday 23rd Mr F. H. Woody up from Missoula. Winslett Down & took dinner

Saturday 24" Mr. Woody gone above. Dr. Baker Called on his Way to Missoula from Mr. Kinny's Mrs Kinny presented her Lord with a fine boy.

[209] August 1867 Sunday 25" Some of the Willow Creek farmers are Cutting their Wheat. Engaged a Miller on Yesterday by the Name of Perkins. at $150.00 pr Mo & board. He is Engaged only for this coming fall or as long as the Mill can run before freesing up. Judge Rand up from Missoula. Was attacked below here Some 15 Miles by Six drunken Ind's. Five or Six pistol shots were fired at him Without Effect. The Judge Was unarmed

Monday 26" Geo. Lipscom Starts to day for Philipsburg. the Name of the Embryo town Near the Silver Lodes of Flint Creek. I send 2 an ½ Sks flour by him to E. B. Waterbury

Tuesday 27" Had Sort of an Ind. Council yesterday in town relative to the attack Made on Judge Rand. Wrote Sister E. Enclosed $20.00 #87182 Mar. 10" 1862 G. B. Mr. Woody Called on his Way to Missoula. "My Ice going fast"

[210] August 1867 Wednesday 28" Mr Bass retd last Evening from his trip to the Mines. Brought Me Some Stores from Nic Connally — Also an Eastern Mail Recd letter from Mr. R. Frost 31st ult. Judge Rand left after Breakfast for Missoula. Quite a delegation of Nes Perce Indians Called to See Me on yesterday afternoon. Wrote Thos Adams last Night. Sent letter off to day. Mr. G. W. Dobbins down.

Thursday 29" The Baron O'Kieff & Capt. Harvey here — both Candidates for office[47]

Friday 30" Mr Larribee up. Mess Perkins & Slater up with large band of Cattle. Mr. Simms & Lady & Mr. Parks up.

Saturday 31st Mr. Simmes rode up to Lafontaines Mr. Parks gone to Willow Creek Baron O'Kieff & Sh'ff Larribee here

[211] September 1867

Sunday 1st Mr. Brannan Supt. of Jocko reservation passed here with letters from Agt A Mr. Hughes camped here With pack train just from Salmon. It was this train that passd here heavily loaded for Salmon on the 5" ult. Salmon river Mines "played out." Sent off Eastern Mail by Sh'ff Larribee Mr. Simms & Lady went out to 3 Mile Creek last Evening to pay a Visit to Mr & Mrs. Harris En route for home. Mr McDonald & family arrivd also a Mr. Hall [a] Surveyor. Mr Mc Donald fortified himself With a Small Keg of old "Nor West" Brandy. "Bully."

Monday 2nd up in town. The Election passed off quietly. Had quite a Nice time.

Tuesday 3rd McDonald bought a Small Beef & butchered it.

[47] O'Kieffe was defeated and Harvey elected.

Fresh Meat once More which we all relish McD. Nor West with Ice Very refreshing.

[212] September 1867 Wednesday 4 Mr Mc Cormick[48] & Sterny Blake arrivd from Deer Lodge —

Thursday 5" Mr McDonald & family left for home Sterny Blake out Shooting & Mr Mc Cormick fishing. Old Wife gone to the Mt for berries. Mr Blake & Chatfield got us up a Nice dinner Basted Grouse &c

Friday 6" A Mr. Tudor [?] from Phillipsburg another Excitement in the Horse plain Country. Maj. Blake Bro. Frank & Mr Tyler retd from their prospecting trip after an absence of 17 days. Mr. Tudor reached here Express from Phillipsburg for friends to Move immediately post haste for the New Gold discovery in Vicinity of Thompsons river — The Whole party left immediately after dinner. Report of 4 White Men Killd on O'ks [O'Keefe's] Fork

[213] September 1867 Saturday 7" Family appears Small after the large [group] We have had for a Week. No one for breakfast Save My Bro. Mr. Fry & Myself — Bro. Frank left to joint the party that left on Yesterday for the Agency & Thompsons Prairie — Horace retd Inter[?] in Mill Not So pleasant as anticipated. "Disappointment lurks in Many a prise." Wheat coming into Mill. No Miller — Recd letter from Judge W. B. Dance of the House of Dance Stuart & Co. Deer Lodge sending result of Election in Deer Lodge County. "Interior this Evening — More Satisfactory" than the first.

[214] September 1867 Monday 9" No rain yet. The Mt. grass is Even drying out. Mr. Perkins My New Miller arrived & took up the Burrs [and] dressd them. Mr Pattee up from Missoula. Revd Father Rivalli up My Nephew Horace taken Very Suddenly & unexpectedly Sick While at Dinner — Trust there is Nothing Serious —

Tuesday 10" Runing the Mill. The Water is Very low Must turn More in or shut down. Mr. Pattee here

Wednesday 11" Mr. Pattee left after breakfast for Missoula. The water turned in yesterday gives us plenty & the Mill runing finely to day. Recd letter from Maj. Blake from Jocko Agt. Wells had turned [the Agency] over to Mr McCormick &c Small grists in the

[48] Washington J. McCormick came to the Bitter Root in 1863. He was a successful lawyer, business man, and politician. He acquired Fort Owen and was killed there in 1889 when a roof was blown off the fort.

Mill grd up — Will Commence in the Mornig on Louis Clairmont 200 Bus.

[215] September 1867 Thursday 12" Compl'ts of Mr. McCormick the Newly install'd Ind agt[49] With flagon of old Bourbon — Very acceptable & duly discussed May it be frequently renewed. Won't object. Mill runing finely — busy with Loui Clairmont's Grist. Recd letter from Mj. Blake

Friday 13" The Revd Father Rivalli left for Hell Gate on Yesterday. Wrote Maj L. L. Blake in reply to his of yesterday. Windy.

Saturday 14" Last Evening had a chase after a Skunk Which We finily treed in the fort [————————?] & fastened him up for the Night. Mr. Fry amusing himself With "Chips & Shot." Had a fine dish of Trout for Breakfast. Wrote Chas. E. Mix. Engr. Ch'fs Cl'k Ind. Bureau. recd Mail. Cavenaugh elected by large Majority Col. gone Down by 10000 Majority "Bully"[50]

[216] September 1867 Sunday 15" Some of the Cogs broke out of the Master Wheel Which Mr. Perkins put in to day. This is the Second Anniversary of the Starting of My Mill. We are Now having Something like the Equinox

Monday 16" Mill busy all day. Finished Loui Clairmont's Wheat Working up the toll wheat.

Tuesday 17" Mr Fry has been Making himself generally useful for the past few days. He is Now remodelling & fixing up his house for Winter. Mill busy. Mrs. Winslott up from Missoula.

Wednesday 18" Mr. Fry busy on a pen for the Male chickens. Mill hard at Work all day on Wheat belonging to Jas. Freeman. Mrs. Winslett left for Missoula taking her little girl With her. "Large Blk sptd Sow took Boar." Strange young Boar"

[217] September 1867 Thursday 19" Mr. Fry still Working on his chicken house — Mill busy. Two peddlers passed With Dry Goods & clothing for Sale.

Friday 20" Perkins dressing the Burrs. Ground Some Wheat Mill out of grain. White Sow took the old Boar" In fact Most of the Sows appear to be in Season which will bring them in about the last of Decr. I was in hopes to have prevented the Sows from Casting their litters in the Winter as We had Such bad luck with them

[49] McCormick was special agent for the Indians near Virginia City from April 23, 1867, to January 4, 1869.

[50] At Fort Owen precinct the vote for Congressman was: Cavanaugh (Dem.), 61; Sanders (Rep.), 17. At Hell Gate the vote was: Cavanaugh 24, Sanders 35. For all Missoula County the vote was: Cavanaugh 195, Sanders 140. Helena *Weekly Herald*, Sept. 12, and Oct. 3, 1867.

last Winter — Saving but one pig out of over fifty dropd recd Eastern Mail.

Friday 21st Some small grists brought to Mill — Mr. Fry Still busy with his chicken house.

[218] September 1867 Monday 23rd Mr. Fry Still busy on chicken House. Sam Liscum left for Phillipsburg. Mr. Fry by Working hard finished his chicken house.

Tuesday 24" Merry time last Evenig catching chickens & installing them in their difft. houses. Brought the Chickens over from the farm house. Mr. Chatfield Called for the Mail En route for Missoula. Bought a ¼ fresh Beef of Nine Pipes — Quite acceptable.

Wednesday 25" Mill runing this afternoon. Wm Rogers Very Kindly Sent Me one Sack potatoes one Sack roasting Ears & one Sack onions Cabbage & turnips. Very acceptable.

Thursday 26" Mr. Clement With Mrs. Shockley & Daughter Calld En route for Grids Creek. Had Statement Made of proceeds of Mill from 1st Apl last. Showing Nearly 4000 Bu. of Wheat of last years crop having been ground. recd Eastern Mail for Chatfield.

[219] September 1867 Friday 27" Last Evening I shot a very large Owl from aft the S. W. Bastion. It Measured 4 feet 8 in from tip of Wing to tip — 2 feet from beak to tail. It Was a large bird. Horace & Perkins gone above to fix dam. Hav been about something less than an hour a Short job — "All right I Suppose." P. M. Lafontaine down. Talks of his fine Crops. Chateau &c. In fact he has a very fine place & deserves Credit for locating & Working it as he has —

Saturday 28" 90 Bu. grist of Wheat down from Willow Crk. Mr. Clements passd down last Evening. Bro. Frank & the party that Went off in Stampede Some three Weeks Since retd. There was a great rush for the New ELDo Rado & all retd Without any results — Mr. Irwine the Dept. Collector & assessor for the U. S. In. Revenue called En route for Missoula The Afternoon Very Warm. Sh'ff Larribee up Sumoning jurors for the Dists Court. Recd Eastern Mail. Intend leaving in the Morning for Missoula

[220] October 1867 Friday 11" retd from Missoula — I was one of the Grand Jurors. Court was in Session a Week. I rode over to the agency in Company With Judge Mayhew[21] & Dan Welch Maj. Blake gave us a very handsome reception & Such a feast. Met Mr.

[21] Alexander E. Mayhew was born in Philadelphia, March 31, 1830, and died in Wallace, Idaho, June 18, 1914.

Judge Mayhew came to Montana in 1864 and was one of the most distinguished

Fry at Missoula En route for Philada. via Portland & San Francisco. Bro. Frank he has gone to Helena & Va City. Family Much reduced. I Saw Mr Fry off & I trust he will hav a pleasant — Safe & Speedy return — to his Eastern home. Mill busy all day & Mill run Most of the Night. New Store in Town

Saturday 12" The Mill run all Night & has been busy all day — Up in Town Bought 2 Sides Bacon & 10 lbs Candles which Very nearly Exhausted My Means — Bagd No birds — Mr. Winslett retd With Me — "Very Kind" New Store in town cheap Goods.

[221] October 1867 Sunday 13" The farmers are all anxiously waiting for the threshing Machine. The present Week will about let us through With What old Wheat was Kept over.

Monday 14" Baker dress up the Cogs in the Master Wheel — I find them considerably Worn & bruised. They are birch. the best Wood for Cogs that we could find. They have run two Years without having to be renewd — & I trust they Will Wear through this harvest. Judge Rand the Member Elect to the Ter. Council up from Missoula. "Cheap goods. New Store"

Tuesday 15" Baker Still dressing up the Cogs. Teams passing for the Mines — loaded With Vegetables &c. Bot. in town Small bill Groceries. Crush'd Sugar 50¢ pound rice [and] Coffee Same. Tea $2.00 Quite Cheap for this place Trust that We will be able to [————————?] Ere long Visit from Lafontaine

[222] October 1867 Wednesday 16" recd Eastern Mail — Sterny Blake from Phillipsburg arrid with Kind acknowlments of flagon of old Bourbon. Took the pump frm Well & Mr Baker replaced old Well Curb — So We got it to [a number of words undecipherable] from Blkfoot City[82] —

Thursday 17" Shff Larribee came up last Evening & passed the

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lawyers of Territorial times and took a prominent part in the formation period of the early history of Montana.

Judge Mayhew was a member of the first Legislative Assembly that convened at Bannack, Dec. 12, 1864. He was Speaker of the House in the 2nd, 3rd, 5th, 10th, and 13th sessions of the Territorial Legislative.

Judge Mayhew was a member of the Idaho Constitutional Convention in 1890 and President of the Senate of Idaho in 1894, also was elected two terms as Judge of the First Judicial District of Idaho in 1895 and 1898.

For twelve years he was prosecuting attorney for the second judicial district comprising the counties of Deer Lodge, Granite, Powell, Silver Bow, Missoula and Beaverhead counties. David Hilger.

[82] After a "flagon" of old Bourbon Owen's writing became undecipherable.

Night. Went above this Morning & retd this Evening — Turned My hogs 50 in Number over to Sterny Blake also the poultry to the No of 100 Laying hens & pullets. I hope he Will do Well with them & Make Money out of them. The hogs alone With proper Care & fair luck Will in 3 yrs give him a Nice price [?] Even at a low figure for Bacon.

[223] October 1867 Friday 18" Young Blake Volunteered his Services in the Culinary Dept & Such a Breakfast. Corn Cakes — fried trout & Eggs. &c &c until all were Satisfied — Mr. Larribee left for Missoula. Sent Mail. There is to be a Meeting of all Masons in good Standing within hailing distance at Missoula to Morrow Night for the purpose of petitioning the Grand Lodge for a dispensation &c There is quite a Number of Masons throughout the Country & it is well that [they] should Know Each other & Meet occassionally for Mutual instruction if for Nothing Else. Like Myself — No doubt but they are very rusty for the Want of proper Masonic intercourse.

Sunday 20" retd from Missoula in company With Mr Jno S. Robertson. We had last Night a very pleasant Meeting & petitioned the Grand Lodge for Dispensation &c &c

[224] October 1867 Monday 21st Heavy Ice Cicles formed on the flume reminding one of Winter — Young Blake busy fixing up fence for his hogs.

Tuesday 22nd A party leaves to day to act in concert with a party from Willow Creek to Make Survey for a road across the Mts to the Silver Leads — Trust they will be Successful. Traded a horse to Jew Peddler

Wednesday 23rd Bot a Yoke of Cattle to day & turned them out for Beef.

Thursday 24" Killd a fat Young heifer for Beef Bot of Mr Sanders

[225] October 1867 Friday 25" Bot Yesterday two Young cows With Steer Calves by their Sides. The Young heifer I Killd Yesterday was very fat & although Sucking its Mother Yet it was with Calf. Probably two Months gone. "It Weighed 320 lbs Ball due by Woodley [Woody?] on 850 lbs flour $1.60

Saturday 26" Installed a New Chinaman as Cook Young Blake bargained With him last Evening for 5 Mos for which he is to receive $170.00 Sent off East Mail by Lafontaine. Recd Mail. Mill busy — Settled With Mr. Bass & Made a bargain with him for My Butter for the Mess @ 80¢ pr lb. Wrote Tom Adams $2 to day

Sunday 27" Wrote letter to Mr. Thos. W. Ackley in reply to his 27" inst.

[226] October 1867 Monday 28" My Jno China Man Not So good a cook as the one I had during the Summer. He appears Stupid: By My last Mail I find that there has been a great political revolution in the East Pen. the old Key Stone State. & My Native one too. The Very pillar of Democracy & Ohio have followed the glorious Example Set by California in her last Election. The Democratic ticket Triumphant. I trust that N. Y. & other Eastern States Whose Elections have Not Come off will be found in the Same Category — Recd a letter from Bro Frank at Deer Lodge dated 19" also one from Dance [?] Stuart Co " 22nd Bro Frank has shipd Some Stores. Sent off East Mail by Mr. Sharp

Tuesday 29" commencd yesterday filling up around the Mill. "Young White Sow took the largest of the Small Boars." Mess Sharp & Warren hauling Me Some Lumber & Saw dust from their Saw Mill. Up in Town The road party Back & report [route] unpassable

[227] October 1867 Wednesday 30" Mill busy Nearly all day. Young Blake & Myself took up the upper floor in the Ice house & filld it in With Saw dust. Made a Nice job & Workd hard. recd Eastern Mail. See that Mr's Lincoln has been in N. Y. With her Wardrobe — furs — &c for Sale. She Must be hard pressd for the Widow of a Pres. of the U. S. The Mighty Will fall. My old Wife gone out to 3 Mile Creek on a Visit to Mrs. Thos. W. Harris.

Thursday 31st Young Blake & Myself have been fixing the root house to day. Blustery Day. Mill busy on Lafontaine's Wheat It has been So cold for the past few Night that potatoes frose in the piles thrown out as they Were dug. Mr Ralls & his Nephew Frank Kirkham down last Evening & joined in game of Crib until bed time.

[228] November 1867

Friday 1st Mill busy on Lafontaines Wheat. Filling up around Grist Mill Dis'chgd My Jno Chinaman & hired another upon the Same terms. $170.00 for five Months. Walked up to Town —

Saturday 2nd Mr. Pattee County Treas. up after delinquent tax payers. Well pleased with My New Chinaman. He Seems to have Some idea of things. Cleaned up & Swept out My room to day. Seems to take hold of things — Hope he May hold out to the End. "Blk Sow with White fore Arms took Strange Boar & Will be due on the 23rd day of Febry Next." Mr. Perkins dressing the Mill Burrs — Young Blake tearing down the old Saw Mill.

Sunday 3rd left in Company of Mr Potter for Missouls —

[229] November 1867 Friday 8" retd from Missoula riding heavy Some two in of Snow Revd Father Grassy up. Bro Frank Making arrangements to open a house in town. Mill busy.

Saturday 9" Bro. Frank hauling his goods up to his Store in Stevensville. Had Visit from the Revd. Father's Grassy & Giorda Every thing looks like Winter. Sheriff Larribee up from Missoula

Sunday 10" Shff Larribee left for Missoula. Recd My Winter Stock of Groceries by Bonner & Welche's Mule Train also Some very Nice apples from Walla Walla.

Monday 11" Judge Pomeroy from Missoula & W. W. Johnson from Bannack arrivd last Evening & passd the Night With Me & left for Missoula Making up Cargo of flour for Bonner & Welches train

[230] November 1867 12" My old Wife's little Bitch — "Chips" had 7 pups this Morning. One of Which was dropd Dead. The Bitch is a Small Blk & Tan terrior. & the Sire of the Pups a fine Pointer brought here by Maj' L. L. Blake last Summer. What the Stock will be Can't Say — but the Pups are all Blk as a Coal — No White about them. So taking after the Mother — Had a Extra run upon the "French Mill." Putting flour chest in Mill. Hauling Adobes — Trenchd Cabbage. Mill idle

Wednesday 13" Fixing Bridge — I have a Jewel in Young Blake. Sent Capt Higgin's his Boar Pig. Up in town. Bro Frank gave us a Nip of good Bourbon.

Thursday 14" Bought of Jas Freeman 100 Bu's Oats payable in flour @ 6.00 pr 100 lb Sackd —

[231] November 1867 Friday 15" Young Blake had a ditch cut below the Head gates. He is a Jewel. always doing Something. Chip's getting along finely with her pups. Saw My Bro. last Evening & tried to rent him My Mill — I am Very tired of it & Some change is inevitable. Yesterday I Settled My taxes of last Year Amting to $388.00 under protest County orders $249.60 G. B.s $135.92

Saturday 16" Mill turned over to Mr. Perkins. Mr Ritz Nursery Man up from Walla Walla Pay Perkins $300.00 pr Mo.

Sunday 17" Last Night had a Serenade Banjo & Guitar. Mr. Sharp giving Young Blake instructions about Caponising Male Chickens. Experimented on one hope it May Survive. It is Well Worth Knowing — Bro. Frank down — The Mill is off My Mind for a Month any how

[232] November 1867 Monday 18" Water very low. Not Sufficient for the Mill. Young Blake gone above to look after More Water. The rooster operated on yesterday don't Seem to Mind it. It [is] Worth Knowing the Caponising process Sent Mail by W. G. Edwards $20. Enclosed to Mr. Jno A. Fry. Walked up to Town with My old Wife Who Made Some purchases of My Bro. for the little Girl she has taken who I call Kate. Met Mr Ritz had a few Words with him. Threatens to institute Suit against Me for procuring property under false pretenses — Had I have had a Club in My hand I Should certainly Made an Effort to unhorse him for his impudence Still alarmed for Want of Water Revd Father Rivalli called. My old Wife Not Well recd Some Med. from the Father for her

[233] November 1867 Tuesday 19" Every appearance of Winter. & No wheat ground yet. Families uneasy about their Winters flour. I still hope We May be able to run until Christmas When We shut down last Year. My old Wife better. The Mill ground Some Small grists. 3 O'Clock P. M. Weather Soft With inclination to rain. Mr. Benj. Harris in from 3 Mile Creek. Mr. Ritz from Walla Walla called & in the Spirit of a Gent. Soon Settled things — 10 O'clk P. M. Raining prospect of Water

Wednesday 20" Water increasing Midnight the Mill runing & the Water increasing — Water plenty —

Thursday 21st Mill run all Night. recd Eastern Mail Wheat coming in. Mill runing all day. Killd Pig 110 lbs 6 Mos old —

[234] November 1867 Friday 22nd Mill busy with plenty of Water. recd letter from Maj. Blake. Maj Graham from Phillipsburg. Oceans of Water.

Saturday 23rd Mill run the Whole of last Night. Farmers crowding us.

Sunday 24" Left for Missoula to Meet board of County Commissions With Wm. Raup.

Saturday 30 Retd from Missoula. Snow Storm looks like Winter. Mill crowded & doing good Work. Fort owen Mill favorite brand. Maj. Blake & Capt. Fitzstubbs up from Jocko — Passed a rational Evening. Both are pleasant — Model Gentlemen. After discussing a Couple of Flagons "as of Yore" all retired to their Virtuous Couch. Mrs Button Expected but did Not arrive old Wife in high Spirits & Chips pups improving. I retd With Ben. Harris & passed last Night with him at home

[235] December 1867

Sunday 1st Water Shut[e] for Mill. Maj Blake & Myself up in town. Capons doing Well.

Monday 2nd Sent up to Look after Water. Mill runing. 1st Session of 40" Congress adj'd to day at Noon

Tuesday 3rd Mill shut down last Night. Turned Water out of Flume. A Brothers order protested for pr Blankets $16.00 Blake out shooting. Birds Wild.

Wednesday 4" Mill frose up. Farmers hungry for flour. The Reservation Wagon arrived with load of flour for the Indians. 12 O'clock M. The Mill Started. Presented With a BBl of Crout from agency by Maj. Blake Very Acceptable. Due from Treas. 28.75

Thursday 5" Mill run all Night. Wheat coming in. Judge Pomeroys Cty [County] Warrant 414.25

[236] December 1867 Friday 6" Mill run all Night. Some 2 in. Snow Fell. Sent Bonner & Welch 60 ½ Sks flour

Saturday 7" Mill Frose up. Had Some Words With G. W. Dobbins

Sunday 8" Mill grist Butchered two Cows for Beef. Dan Welch up. Jno. Chinaman run out of his house. Terrible. Made the grand rounds With Young Blake — Posted Welch as Sentry — The Goose hangs high.

Monday 9" Mill runing — Corned three BBls Beef — Bambardo [?] in for Blake. Hope all Will be Well Nancy interested. Goose is high.

Tuesday 10" Blake & Fitzstubbs left. Bamborda [?] gone. Mill Nearly out of Wheat. Blake Seems happy. Trust he is —

[237] December 1867 Wednesday 11" plenty of Water for the Mill — Dan Welch left for Missoula — Mill busy all day. Fixing up Ice house — "French Mill." Wheat coming in freely. Hope to have Soft Weather for Some Weeks — May Blake be happy — Bonner & Welches Wagon up.

Thursday 12" Mill run all Night. raining freely all day. With raw cold Wind. Grinding Wheat Bonner & Welch bot. of Sharp & [————?] Mill doing good work. Mr Sanders down from Skarkaho.

Friday 13" Mill run the whole of last Night. In fact it has Not Shut down for a Moment the last 48 hrs & hardly since it Started on the 9" This Evening Snowing but Not freezing recd Mail. Shff Larribee & Recorder Woody up from Missoula.

[238] December 1867 Saturday 14" Visited the Mill at Mid-

night. runing finely. It run all Night. The Snow that fell last Evening all has disappeared. Warm rain the Entire day. Wheat coming in freely & the Mill doing charming Work. May it Continue

Sunday 15" Mil busy Wheat damp & Some Smut. Some grists refused. Perkins the Miller has Killd Some of Mr Dobbins Hogs. It is almost impossible to Keep them out of the Mill. They are Not fed at home consequently have to live by foraging

Monday 16" Mill run all Night. Burrs up. Little or No Wheat in. Mill idle — Day pleasant. 5 P. M. High Nth. Wind & Cold — Winter —

[239] December 1867 Tuesday 17" Had a terrible freese last Night. The Mill I fear is Now frose up for the Winter — Turned the Water out of flume. In fact I have Never Experienced So Sudden & Severe a change in the Weather. "Sent My Bro. his a/c to day —"

Wednesday 18" Trust we May have another thaw. Paid a Visit to Revd Father Giorda Met a Strange young Father there

Thursday 19" A real Winters Morning "Bot a qt of Coal Oil." The Young Sows [tuning?]

Friday 20" Robinson Sow took Sandy Boar Francois Blake hauled Me 2 loads of Wood Recd Pres. Message — a very lengthy & able State paper. Worthy the pen of a Jefferson. Brot up Boar from Basses & put in with Young Sows

[240] December 1867 Saturday 21st I Walked up last Evening & paid a Visit to the Revd Fathers. Wrote to the Hon. Jas. M. Cavenaugh our Delegate to the 40" Congress Concerning our Mail Service also $5 to Tom Adams — About Noon Weather Moderating — Slucing the Ice out of the flume — Hope We May have a thaw. recd Mail. Bonner & Welch's Wagons up for flour — Walked up to See the Rev'd Father's after dinner. Spent the Evening With them — 8 P. M. Wind Sth and thawing. Hope it May continue

Sunday 22" Wrote Senator Corbit & our Delegate Jas. M. Cavenaugh. Bonner & Welches trains left taking 145 ½ Sks flour. Revd Father Rivalli left for Hell's Gate. 10 O'clock P. M. Soft Wind Sth. Yesterday I traded My two Calves to Mr Bass for 16 Bu Seed peas ½ Brown the other ½ White "Sent off a large Mail" Wrote Maj Blake & Mc Cormick"

[241] December 1867 Monday 23rd Young Blake cleaning the Ice from around the Wheel With a [hope?] if the Weather admits of Starting the Mill again. I hope he May Succeed. Turned the two Calves traded for 16 Bu. Peas over to Mr Bass. who is to give

Me the Peas for Seed in the Spring. We have had a real Spring Day. Wind Sth. No Snow in the plain. Water running in Every direction. A Nice dish of Spare ribs for Breakfast & Dinner recd from Mr Bass. Timbuctoo. Yuba County — Jones — Hazlitt —

Tuesday 24" Another Willamette Morning. rainy With Warm Sth. Wind. Sterny Blake last Evening after dark Killd 3 fat Mallards below the Mill. Snow squalls about Noon. Started the Wheel. Drake dressing the Burrs. Intend runing to Night.

[242] December 1867 Wednesday 25" Mill run until 4 O'clock this Morning on toll Wheat. Mill busy all day Drake dressing the Burrs to Night. We have Spent our Christmas in the Mill. While friends in a distant land were spending theirs in the good old Way. My Cook gave us a Very Nice dinner. Rost chickens — took the place of Turkey. We had Nice Mince pies — Cakes — Tarts & Dough Nutes. All of Which was relishd hugely. Had No Strangers to dinner. It has been Soft & Cloudy the Entire day. rec'd Mail.

Thursday 26" Mill busy all day & runing finely. Put a New boxer on Fan in Smut house. The Wind South all day & thawing. Midnight Cloudy — Windy S'th. Mill running. Mill about clear of Wheat.

[243] December 1867 Friday 27" In My last Mail I recd the Speech of the Hon. D. W. Vorhees M. C. from Indiana. Delivd before a large and intelligent audience in N. Y. City. It is an able Effort — A Master piece. Mill runing & about out of Wheat. Mill barely able to run. Fear we will freese up again to Night. Had a Visit from the Revd Father Giorda. The Baron O'Kief threshing Machine passed down a few days ago having threshd all the grain in the upper part of the Valley Mr. David O'Kieff the Baron's Bro. Who has been runing the Machine tells Me that he has threshed over 20000 Bu. of Wheat in the Bitter root Valley. Not over 3000 Bu's has been ground as yet. The wheat as a general thing has Not turned out as Well as was Expected. We have had a very dry Season.

[244] December 1867 Saturday 28" Mill Shut down last Night at Midnight. When the Water Was Turned out of the flume recd Mail — Docs from Hon. Jas. M. Cavenaugh. Wrote him again upon Subject of our Mail Service Wrote Col Farrar [?] & Tom Adams ♯6

Sunday 29" Bot 2 qts Kerosene. Young Blake took Bro Frank's Cat home. My old Wife Sent him one of Chips puppies on Christmas day Harry Shaw down from the Chateau De Lafontaine He is in chge of Bonner & Welche's pack train & is Wintering the Mules

up on burnt fork. Bonner & Welches Team left With Load of Oats Bot of Chatfield. Great dissatisfaction amoung the farmers regarding the yield Mr. Perkins gave them for their Wheat — ground. [NOTE. Perkins was the new man to whom Owen had turned over the mill on November 16.]

[245] December 1867 Monday 30" It is real Winter & No Mistake. Examining My a/c With Bonner & Welch. Find Some Erros & articles as a general thing chge at high figures — Amt. of goods bot of them Since Aug'st 1866 up to 27 Dec 1867 amts to $3373.73 — Considerable of a Bill for one Establish't. Wrote Mr. G. M. Windes at Philipsburg. Filling a Wheel & Setting the tire for Francis Blake an Ind boy. Who has been hauling Me Some Wood. The farmers Met here to day & formally Entered their complaints against Mr Perkins as Miller. Mr Perkins was present. He Made rather a Weak Effort in Vindication of his conduct as Miller — There Evidently is Something Wrong Some Where. The complaint appears to [be] Universal. Shall let it rest for the present. The day has been Cold & Cloudy — Wrote Hon. H. W. Corbett Senator from Oregon regarding apt of Ind agt. Suggesting Name of L. L. Blake.[88]

[246] December 1867 Tuesday 31st recd Mail for Mr. Glass. Turned the Water in the flume in hopes that We May again Start up. Drake dressing the Burrs. The Revd. Fathers Giorda & Borodino [Bandini] Called. Have an invitation from Mess Fisher & Glass to join them in an Egg Nogg this Evening. Writing letters — Blake hauling up offall from the Mill. Hogs doing Well. Have plenty of feed for them for the Winter. Mr Ben. Harris in from 3 Mile Cr'k. Midnight. Stars out & thawing. Blake run out the Howitzer & We fired one Cartridge well ramd home With Oakum — It Was all the powder We could raise. The report Not turiffic. Recd a Small Kettle of Egg Nogg. It was very palatable. A happy New Year for those that are dead & far away ———— from here ————

[88] L. L. Blake was appointed agent for the Blackfeet but never assumed office.

[End of Journal]

JOURNAL XXIII

The Record of Events and Conditions from January 1, 1868, to February 28, 1871
Owen's Last Journal

[Editor's Note. In this, Owen's final Journal, he speaks of his further efforts, perplexities and troubles; recounts the last illness and death of Nancy; and again refers to the gloomy prospects of the Territory. It also contains comments on national affairs; mentions his correspondence with notable men; tells of the request for his aid in selecting a route for the Northern Pacific Railroad; and refers frequently to the Indian problem and the sad condition of the natives.

Toward its end the Journal becomes very fragmentary, due to Owen's virtual abandonment of the Fort as his home.

The Journal occupies 223 pages of manuscript in a volume eight inches tall and five and a half inches wide, in a binding of red roan. On the inside of the front cover is the inscription:]

Fort Owen, B. R. V.
W. T.
January 1st 1868

[5] January 1868

Wednesday 1st With the New Year We Commence a New diary. Early this Mning the time honored Custom of Making Calls With the Salutation of a happy New Year Was performed by the Natives. Last Night at precisely 12 O'clock the little howitzer proclaimed to our Slumberig Citizens the Expiration of the old & the advent of the New Year. My Two Chinaman gave us a Nice dinnr had a few frinds to dine With Me. Mr. Dorris a Bro. of Gen G. P. Dorris of Helena who 2 New Years ago in Platte City Mo. Called upon Me. He is on his Way to Helena. Had been here on business with Mr Thos W. Harris. We hav had a bright pleasant day. Thawi[n]g. Drake dressing Mill burrs. This is the 49" New Year the author of these

Notes has seen Getting upon the Shady Side of the hill of time And the 19" New Year Spent in the Mts.

[6] January 1868 Thursday 2nd Sent off a large Mail by Weller — Who left for Helena in company With Mr. Dorriss — Split in the Repub. party. Quite Amusing. What Will Maj Graham & Mr. N. Powell Say When they recive it — Wrote the Hon. Jas M. Cavenaugh Concerning the removal of the Flathead In'ds to the General reservation provided for them by the Treaty of 1855 — Light Snow Squalls during the day. Blake & Myself up above the head Gates opening a channel in the ice in order to turn the Water away from the Fort Drake working on the Mill Burrs. It is a tedious job. The Stones are very hard & use up the picks very fast. Charley Conner with team up from Missoula. He is teaming for Bonner & Welch. Drake commenced dressing the Mill burs to day

[7] Friday 3rd With the Exception of two cold spots last Month We hav had as Yet No Winter Not an in. of Snow on the ground at the present Moment. Wrote Mr. Ben. Holliday.[1] 12 O'clock M. The Sun is out & it is quite pleasant. Conner left With flour for Bonner & Welch Bot. of G. W. Perkins. Drake Working on the Burrs. Wrote Thos Adams ♯2 also Maj Graham & C. E. Irwine. 10 O'clock P. M. Bright Moonlight — freezing a little Blake says that it is an old Saying — that the three first days in January govern the remainder of the Winter — Well if So We Will hav a Mild open Winter for the past three days hav been quite Soft & Mild. I hope We May realise the truth of the old Saying — Mr Lafontaine down.

[8] January 1868 Saturday 4" Snow drifting in Every direction. In fact you can hardly See 10 Steps ahead of you. Wrote orderig Smutter & Separator — New Cloth ♯10 from Mr Jas Fergusson whom address is P. O. Drawer ♯5919 Chicago Ill. I also Wrote Col Campbell of St Louis ordig Cloth for Making 3000 flour Sacks With Sewing Machine & My Sacks in the past 18 M. hav cost Me Mony $3000.00 quite a tax upon the Mill — A terrible Evening. Wind Blowig — Snow flying — you can hardly Keep your feet out of doors. No work done on the Burrs to day. Drake writing letter to his Chicago frind and assisting in Making out order for Machinery

[9] January 1868 Sunday 5" We hav had a terrible Day. Mr

[1] Ben Holladay had been the great manager of the overland stage and express business of the West from 1862 to 1866, when he sold out to Wells Fargo and Company. He then turned his attention to railroads and steamship lines. Paxson, *opus citra*, 186-190.

David O'Kieff up from Hell Gate. Went up to See the fattening hogs. They are doing fine. No Work done on the Burrs to day. it being too cold. Truly Winter. As Cold as it has been Horace Made his usual bus trip to Stevensville & back. The town for him Must have great attraction as the Weather is Never too inclement. Mud. rain. Snowed the Most intense cold with high Nth Winds — but he Makes Never less than one trip & Not unfrequently three. The very Same case last Winter. The very mint he has Swallowed his breakfast & his dinner & get his pipe in full blast away he Gads for town

[10] January 1868 Monday 6″ Settled With My [new?] Chinaman Cook. Ball due $64.00 for Which Amt. I gave him an order on Bonner & Welch. He is a Very good party Cook. But for any thing Else he don't amt to Much. No Work done on the Mill Burrs to day. In fact is too cold to do any thing out of doors. Recd an invitation to a party to be given at Missoula on the 8″ The 53rd anniversary of the Battle of N. O. Have Sent My regrets — Saying that it was too Cold for a Man of My Years to ride 30 Miles to join in the gay & festive dance. I will let it be for younger Men. Walked with Blake down to the Ice pond to See if the Ice very thick to cut to pack away. Found it Some 8 or 9 in thick & quite clear. I want it about 12 in Davidson Getting out Stuff for "Bob Sled."

[11] January 1868 Tuesday 7″ Every one hning [hanging?] clouse around the fire. Too cold for any one to do any thing out of doors but Cut Wood at the Wood pile to Keep the fires going. Sent off quite a large East. Mail by W. G. Edwards. Having Me a bob Sled Made to haul Wood up on. Horace Made his usual trip to town — Notwithstanding the intensity of the Cold. Mr. Kinney gave the good people of Stevensville a little party at his house last Night. My Wood pile is low for the Season. Drift Ice in the river Makes it bad about crossing. Frose very hard last Night. No one Stiring. The Neighbours all housed. Mr. Nelson crossed the river on the Ice. Had No Mail for Several days. No Work done on Mill Burrs to day. Seven Young Bonner Pigs Were put up to fatten 20″ Oct. last.

[12] January 1868 Wednesday 8″ I regret No[t] having a Self registering Thermometer in order that we Might arive at the Maximum temperature during the Night. Last Night was intensely Cold. This the 53rd anniversary of Jacksons renowned Battle will No doubt be duly Celebrated by the fair & Spirited people of New Orleans. Why the good people of Missoula intend having a gay & Merry time in honor of the day in which the Am. Army gained such

a great Victory over Englands Vetran Troops. Led by Packenham who was afterwards transported accross the Sea in a Butt. of Rum. Most unfortunate Man. Mr. David O'Kieff calld on his return from Willow Creek & left for 3 Mile Cr'k. Chatfield down from town. Bob Sled done. No Work done on the Burrs to day 12 O'clk P. M. bright Moonligh. Still. & intensely. Cold.

[13] January 1868 Thursday 9″ The ink absolutely frose this Mning While writing. Not one foot from the fire. It would glisten on the paper & before drying it was ice. the pen would choke with congealed ink. Had a Visit from Judge Rand to day the Member of the Territorial Council from Missoula County. In the absence of a team Blake & party are Sledding Wood up on the Bob Sled which was finished Yesterday. No Work on the Mill Burrs to day. Too Cold for any thing Except getting Wood & Making fires. Ink freezing upon the paper close to the fire before it can possibly dry — Mo. Chinaman retd after going Some 10 Miles Yesterday found it too Icy & Cold to travel with a Smooth horse Wrote Mr Adams ♯3. Encling Ws [?] for Ice.

[14] January 1868 Friday 10″ So cold in fact that grown chickens tumble over frozen stiff in day time. Some go limping around with their legs frosen Stiff. Yesterday Blake put up Some of brood Sows. Well he did — for the Wh't Sow had Not been in the pen over an hour when She Went into the Straw & dropd 8 Pigs. two of which She overlaid. It is very hard to have pigs dropd in such cold Weather. The Sows have a warm house & Blake Even Went so far as to Make a fire in it. The pigs would Chill before they could possibly get dry. It is a Very bad plan to hav your Sows to come in during the Winter. I Know that from My Last Winters pigs. Saved only one out of our 50 dropd But 3 of the 8 pigs dropd last Night are alive this Morning. Mr Shaw brote Me down a span of Mules to work during the Winter for their forage. Thermometer at Sun rise 24 below Zero. The 8 pigs are dead Walked down to Mr. Bass'es for Mule Harness.

[15] January 1868 Saturday 11″ Mr. Bass had a Young Sow to Come in Yesterday with 7 Pigs I Saw them while down there last Evening. The Sow was out of doors on the Suny Side of a Straw stack. It will be a Wonder if he can save them such cold Weather Blake is under the impression that the Wht. Sow dropd her pigs before her time. Probably catching her & putting her in the pen May hav facilitated things. It frose quite hard in the root house last Night Notwithstanding we had fire in there all day & up to bed

time. It is very cold & has been without any cessation for the past 8 days. Fixing up harness & getting the Mules shod. Fine time for putting up Ice if We were only ready. Will commence Next Week. A Visit from the Revd Father Rivalli Revd Father Boridino [Bandini][2] left for Hell Gate to day cold as it was. Writing letters. Rcd a fine Fruit Tree from Mr. Ritz.

[16] January 1868 Sunday 12" Sent off Eastern Mail by Conner. Had a "Shot Gun" Sett. With Mr. Perkins Two spotted Sows came in last Night & lost all their pigs. So Much for Winter pigs. A would be surprise party came off last Night at Mr. Bass's. But the persons who were to Make the Surprise took good care to Noise it around so that it should reach the Ears of the persons to be surprised, Mr Bass fortified himself with all the Nice things he could find & his good Lady Surprised the Surprise party by Setting them out at Midnight a Most Sumptuous Collation. They Set to with Keen avidity & Demolish it just as hungry party given [?] could do.

[17] January 1868 Monday 13" The old Sows that camè in & lost their pigs now turned into the hog lot & immediately showed signs of taking the Boar. Recd Eastern Mail 1st in Some 3 weeks Docs from Hon. I. M. Cavenaugh. Letter from My old frind Mr. Thom Adams with receipt Enclosed for one Year Subscription for the National Intelligencer. Thanks My Dear Thomas for your Kind consideration & Contribution for the Amusement of Fort owen. May the paper come to hand regularly. The Weather More Moderate Still & Cloudy than has been with appearance of Snow Visit from the Revd Father Giorda. Jimmy O'Donnell Commenced to Cook & is to receive $60.00 Mnth of flour for Services to 1st Apl. Next. Hauled a Sled load of Wood from the other Side of the river which is briged With Solid Ice.

[18] January 1868 Tuesday 14" The river is firmly Bridged. Beautiful clear Ice to put away for Summer. Another of the old Sows Came in last Night & dropt 5 pigs. I recommend to Blake Killing them — as it will be Very difficult to raise them — & Winter pigs will be Nothing but runts any how. They get Stunted by the Cold & Never Seem to thrive & grow as Summer pigs to — Sent Tom Adams Copy of the Independent With Deer lodge romance in it. Horace Greely I see declines the Austrian Mission Prest. Johnson last Spring tendered it to My friend Hon. I. W. Nesmith Ex.

[2] Father Joseph Bandini, S. J., came to St. Mary's by way of California and Oregon in 1867. Palladino, *opus citra* (1894), p. 54.

U. S. Senator from Oregon but the radical Senate would Not confirm the Nomination. The Selection was a good one. & the Nominee Would have commanded the respect of Crown heads & Foreign Diplomats.

[19] January 1868 Wednesday 15" Last Evening I Walked up & Spent a few hrs Very pleasantly with the Revd Fathers Giorda & Rivalli. My Potatoes in the Root house I fear are all More or less frozen. In fact it appears to be the general Cry throughout the Valley. Frozen Potatoes & Chickens too. Farmers in future will have to provide themselves with root house that will resist the influence of the Cold When the Mercury gets to 30 Yes Even 40 below Zero Potatoes in My root house Never frozen but once before & that was the Night of the 12th March last. A terrible Night. Ever to be remembered for its great intensity of Cold. Wrote Mr Thom Adams ♯4 Enclosing a/c Major Graham, "Prospecting river for Ice"

[20] January 1868 Thursday 16" Mr. McCormick Ind. ag't & Mr. Smith of Missoula reached here last Eveng. past the Night & after dinner left for 3 Mile Creek on a Visit to Mr Harris This afternoon Mr. Dic Eddy[8] & Mr. Hardin from Missoula drove up in a Sleigh. In less than 5 hrs from the time they left the County Seat. Blake Commenced Cutting Ice. It is Nearly a foot thick and as clear as a crystal. Drake Sledding Wood across the river. Horace Complaining of Bad Cold Still Not so indisposed as to prevent his Making his daily trip to Town. It was quite late When agt McCormick left & I am a little apprehensive about his finding his way. I fortified him With Some Matches in case he Might be way bound but they would amt to but little in the absence of Wood. Wrote Blake & Irvine

[21] January 1868 Friday 17" Smith Did Not leave yesterday for Missoula He retd here & passed the Night & left this Morning in Company with Mess Eddy & Harding Sent off East Mail. Davidson Cutting Ice. Drake Sledding up the Ice We took out Yesterday & Blake is packing it away in the Ice house. It is in fine condition scant foot in thickness Clear as Crystal & dry & fine as you could possibly wish. We are filling up the Crevices with Saw Dust. The ice We are putting up Now is in Much better Shape than Ever it has been put up before. A qt of Kerosene oil that Costs Me

[8] Richard A. Eddy, who had joined the firm of Bonner and Welch in 1866. Later he was a member of the important firm of Eddy, Hammond and Company, afterward known as the Missoula Merchantile Company. He died in California in 1923. *Missoulian* (Missoula, Montana), November 14, 1923.

$1.00 lasts ten Nights. the Lamp burnig on average Say 5 hrs. Making 10 ¢ pr Night for light. Cheap Enough. Mr. Kinney & Rollins down. Walked up after dinner & Calld upon the Revd Fathers. Revd Father Rivalli Visiting Sick Ind's.

[22] January 1868 Saturday 18" Mr Eddy Speaking of the reading of the Mercury at Hell Gate & Missoula Says the lowest it fell at the former place Was 35 below. & at Missoula 28 below Zero between day light & Sun rise. My impression is that it has been lower than that here. A lovely time for putting up My ice. Davidson Cutting & taking out Ice & Drake Sledding it up — Blake packing it away. We have in the house this Evening Some Sixteen Tons of as Clear — Nice Ice. as I Ever Saw. Blake is Storing it away With great care. It cant help Keeping. Uniformerly cold all day. Not a breth of air Stiring. Very little Snow on the Ground — Stock doing well Horace & Charley at a party in town last Night. No Word from any c/4c

[23] January 1868 Sunday 19" From a Sacramento Union recd a few days ago. I see an account of rich Placer gold Mines having been found in Peru & that it Was causing Great Excitement in San Francisco. I also See that the Steam ship boat Republic Sailed for China with 11000 [sic] passengers aboar one thousand of which Were in the Steerage — "A Merry Merry band" Had a Visit from Mr. Bass & Lady. Wrote Capt. Fitzstubbs & Maj. Blake. Charley broke down his bob Sled yesterday & Sunday as it is Davidson Would Not rest until he fixed it up by Making it Nearly New again. He Said he did Not Like to let a day pass so favorable for getting up the Ice. Our hens although in a Warm house hav Stopd laying & the Cows though Well fed hav fallen off in the last few days Amazingly. Harry Shaw down. Horace Making his tri & semi daily trips to Town

[24] January 1868 Monday 20" The Wells are failing — the little feeders being frosen up to the very bottom. The Well at the Mission & Mr. Dobbins hav gone completely dry. My Well is so low that the Water comes up with Some Sediment in it. I Never Saw it so before. Their is Not 2 in. of Snow on the ground. It is dry & Cold. Stock is doing well on the range. Water is hard to find. But the animals appear to get along without it. Cutting & hauling up Ice. Have Some four tiers in Equal to Nearly 800 Cubic feet. or Nearly 24 tons. . . . Horace complaining — Bad Cold —

[25] January 1868 Tuesday 21st Finished putting up Ice Think I hav in the house 30 tons & over. It is five Tiers high. &

about 13 ½ feet square Making Nearly 1000 Cubic feet of Closely packed Ice. Has the appearance of Snow this Evening. W. G. Edwards Called. Chatfield down last Evig & Sat until bed time. Old Wife & the orphan Miss Kate off fishing. I have been looking for Agt. McCormick — When he left here. it was for the purpose of buying 10000 ♯ flour & Send it up immediately With 50 pr. Bl'kts. for these poor destitute Indians. He May have Some trouble about buying flour or Ind Dept bkts. as he told Me When here He had Not a dollar of Pub. funds. "Commenced on New BBl. corn Beef"

[26] January 1868 Wednesday 22nd Recd Note from agt. McCormick last Eving by the hand of Mr Wm. Raup who at the Same time deliv'd in My chge 20 S'ks Middling Weighing 2270 ♯ Other loads are to be here to day. Although coarse flour it certainly will be Very acceptable to destitute ½ starved Inds. Blake over the river getting Wood Drake Sledding it to the fort & Davidson dressing lumber in the Shop. The Water quite low & riley in the Well. 12 O'clock M. Bright & pleasant thawing a little in the Sun. Turned the Young Sandy Boar in with the Brood Sows. One pig alive out the Number dropd by Seven Old Sows. Winter No good time for Young pigs — Horace Making his usual trip to town & in the intermission between trips Amuses himself in his room with his Guitar. "Gay & Easy Life" No Cares Whatever."

[27] January 1868 Thursday 23rd Horace & Drake the Minstrels of the Vally had their Services placed under contribution last Night by One Mr. Thos. B. Rollins who gave to the Dancig & party going people a little set to at his house. All gay & lovely. From a table I found — I See I hav Made a Mistake in the Measurement of My Ice put up. A cubic foot of Ice Weighs 58 lbs. instead of 67. I hav 910 cubic feet of Ice in the house. Which is Equal to 52780 ♯ or Nearly 23 ½ tons of 2240 ♯. Ea. Ice is calculated by the long ton. or Ton Gross — Sledding Wood across the river. A Cubic foot of Gold Weighs 1013 ♯ of Silver 551♯. A few Cubic of feet of Either Would be a Nice thing to hav. A Cubic foot of Salt "or Seas" Sea Water is 6♯ heavier than ice. Fresh Water 4♯. being 2 ♯ lighter than Sea Water. 12 o'cl M. pleasant & thawing a little in the Sun. Agt McCormick & Dr Baker arrid. Several Loads Flour & Blkts &c

[28] January 1868 Friday 24" Last Eving had a Very pleasant game of Crib. Agt. McCormick & Myself beatg Young Blake & his partner Several games. Blake Killing hogs. They have been up Some three Month & are 8 M.s old. Water Very low in the Well, Agt. Mc Cormick had an interview With the head Chief Victor

Frances Sac Sar acting as interpreter. The Chief Will Notify the Inds to day that Agt. Mc Cormick has brot them flour & Blkts which he Wants to distribute without delay To Morrow they are to be here — The Revd Father Giorda called & took dinner with us. The Indians seemd Well pleased with this Evidence of their Great Fathers Kindness Made Known to them in Mid Winter through Exertions of their Agt Mr Mc. C.

[29] January 1868 Saturday 25" Dr Baker rode up to Mr Rollins & Kinney & retd in time for dinner. Robt. Polky up with Sled load of flour for Agt Mc Cormick. Crowd of Indians in the Fort all day getting their flour. Blkts. Shirts — Tobacco. &c. They Seem to be Very Well pleased & indeed they should be for Agt Mc C. has been to No little trouble or Expense in getting the Indians their Much Needed Stores in Mid Winter — Mr Bob Pelky drove down to Mr. Bass's to pass the Night. They are old frinds. Mr. Shaw down from Chateau Dr La Fontaine, Wrote Princess Bambordo [?] Maj Blake & Capt Fitzstubbs Agt Mc Cormick & the Dr will pass the day

[30] January 1868 Sunday 26" Agt Mc Cormick issuing flour & Blkts to the Indians. The fort Yard crowded with hungry & half clothed Indians. He procured for them in town a few lbs of tobacco a few flannel Shirts & Some other Minor things. Mr. Robertson down Wm Raup over. Shaw Sent Sleigh down for Fresh Pork. flour & Corn Meal. Dr Baker Walked up to town recd. Small Eastern Mail. National Intelligencer 19" ult. out little over a Month in Mid Winter. Not Bad. Wm Mc Cormick & the Dr left this afternoon. They will pass the Night at Some of the Neighbours & proceed on in the Mning. Cold Weather Still hangs on. The failure of our Well is the Source of great annoyance. The Inds all Seem pleased at What Agt Mc C. did for them. "Nancy hopes the a'gt won't forget the "Poor Snakes"

[31] January 1868 Monday 27" We are quiet once More. My Cook took it into his head to quit Some two days ago that annoys us Some. My old Wife does the best she can. Cooks are Extremely touchy. My Mess is about the greatest annoyance I have. Five Cooks in about the Same Number of Months. Have been Summoned to Meet the Masons of Missoula on the 1st Mony in Feby. Important business. Report this Morning flying around that the little Widow Mrs Lanew was Married last [date omitted] to our County Treasur. W. G. Edwards. No Wonder that Ag't Mc. C. & Dr Baker Probate Judge should stop off as they did Yesterday after-

noon to go as far as the Widow Harris's & Stop for the Night. They Must hav been in the Secret. "All is well &c" Mr. Chatfield down Dance to Night at Mr Dobbins. Agt. Mc C. did not forget the poor Snakes. They are very thanfull.

[32] January 1868 Tuesday 28" I Never hav Seen So long a Spell of cold Weather since I hav been in this Country Which is over 18 Years. We hav always had our January thaw. The past Summer was the driest one I Ever Saw here & the fall "Yes Even up to Christmas" the Wettest In fact we had real Willamette Wether for Several Weeks. Yet We hav had No Snow to Amt to any thing. The ground is all bare The Stock is doing well. Bridge over the river Still firm. Recd a Note from My Bro. Frank last Evening. Agt Mc C left Six pr's Blkts for him which Young Blake took up to him last Eving. They Were given in payment of Shirts & tobacco for the In'ds. Which ag't Mc C. did Not have. So one thing Pd for the other & No b'nses taken. A simple & correct way of doing Business & all Parties benefitted

[33] January 1868 Wednesday 29" Drake Sleding Now across the river on the ice. which is very firm. Young Blake trying his hand at Making Soap from Concentrated Lye. Davidson dressing up lumber in the Shop. The Board of County Commission[er]s are to Meet on Next Monday. I fear We Will have a Cold trip down from present appearances. Blake Says that the Seven old Sows that have dropd & lost their pigs hav all taken the Boars again. This Will Make them due again along the last of April & Early in May. We Will try & prevent the Sows coming in in the Winter again. Issued a few Sacks flour left by Agt Mc C. 4 O'clk P. M. Bright & Still but intensely cold In fact you chill through by crossing the Fort yard. Hens frose up. No Eggs. We have been Melting Ice for Water to use for the past Week. All Kinds of annoyances. No Cook. No Water & Not too Much Wood. Blake running all the Depts. "hoging & all"

[34] January 1868 Thursday 30" We are having terrible Weather. Recd copy "La Cross Democrat" Pub. in Wis. by one Brick Pomeroy. It is very bitter against the Rads & the Rump Congress. Amos Chaffin called on his way home from Missoula. Recd one of My old Friend McDonald's poetical Effusions from Colville. Wrote Mc Donald. Maj. Graham & Mr. W. Powell. Blake runing the Culinary dept. Hogery. & dairy. & Seems to have leisure to take an occasional Smoke & peruse a paper Horace Still Engaged in Making his usual trips to town. Never too Cold or too Stormy —

I have often wondd at What he found there to interest him So Much Drake Sledding Wood over the river. Davidson dressing lumber in Shop. Every one Seems happy — Conner up with a Load of Ind. Flour.

[35] January 1868 Friday 31st It is terrible how the Weather holds up. This is the 27″ Mning & we have had No intermission. Ink congeals before it can dry & that too Not one foot from the fire It is Well we have so little Snow or large Numbers of Stock Would Most Certainly perish. My hennery though Warm & the fowls Well fed are Not laying Nor hav Not laid Since this Very Cold Weather Set in. Cows failing. perplexities on all Sides — No Cook No Water in the Well — "Same Every thing." Wrote Thom. Adams $5. Davidson cutting Wood & Drake Sledding it over the river. Blake Seems to run the Culinary dep't admirably. but unfrequent — Duff. Pies & Doughnuts for desert & invariably good Coffee. Bread. Meat &c. No danger of Starving So long as he Caters. Revd Father Rivalli called. He is Not Very Well.

[36] February 1868 "Leap Year

Saturday 1st Revd Father Rivalli last Eving brot. home My Compd Microscope the adjusting Screen of Which had been out of order he fixed [it] for Me. He is a perfect genius & a good Man. Mr. Ben. Harris in. Mr. King from Cable City[4] Called on his Way to Willow Creek. He was Very Comfortably fixd in a Cutter with Span. Am. horses. W. G. Edwards our recently Married County Treas. Called. 3 o'clk P. M. Thawing a Very little in the Sun. Mess Simpson & Slack Cty Comrs [County Commissioners] called En route for Missoula. The Board Meets to Morrow Mr Simpson is our chairman[5] Mr Jno Robinson called. He intends going to Missoula to Morrow to attend the Masonic call for Monday Night. I Walked with him down to Mr. Bass' & We Secured a Span of Mules & a Cutter for our trip to Missoula.

[4] Cable City, located about 15 miles Northwest of Anaconda, in Deer Lodge County, and named from the Atlantic Cable mine, originated in the discovery of the lodes by Cameron. The mine itself was discovered by Stowe, Aitken and Pierson in 1866, and yielded some of the richest ore found in the Territory. Owing to disputed title and other causes, this district remained comparatively unknown for years. Three years ago [1921] a few dilapidated log cabins, the remains of two quartz mills, hoisting works, etc., were all that was to be seen, and the only remaining inhabitant was Mr. S. Cameron, the original owner of the celebrated Atlantic Cable mine. David Hilger.

[5] The Missoula County Records do not list Owen as County Commissioner, but as Coroner.

[37] February 1868 Thursday 27" retd from Missoula With Mr. Raup in his buggy. after an absence from home of Some four Weeks. I hav had a Very pleasant time — After the adjournment of the board of County Commissioners I went over to the Agency in a fine horse Sleigh in company with Agt Mc Cormick & passed 3 Weeks very agreably their With My old friend Maj. L. L. Baker who is the principal Man of the Establishment I Visited the St Ignatius Mission Met their Revd Fathers two Sisters & Some lay Bros there. The Sister's have a convent in successful operation With quite a Number or Scholars.[a] Half Breed & Ind. girls. They Seem to be cheerful. They certainly deserve great Cr. for What they are doing. Little or No Snow on the Jocko —

[38] February 1868 Friday 28" This is the 14" birth day of My old Dog Bull Young Blake has pressted [pressed?] things along during My absence With his usual good judgement & Vigor. Killd hogs. closed up the Ice house & Got up fire Wood The largest hog Weighs 290 ♯ Nett. The floor is laid down on the Ice house & We are Now Sealing up the Sides. It Will be a Nice airy room for Summer Some 30 x 20 feet — There is little or No Snow in the Valley. Geo. Liscum here Says he intends Starting across the Mt. for the Silver Leads in the Mning. The Hens are laying freely & the hogs doing well. Walked up to town & had an interview with My Bro. Walking quite Muddy. Recd letter from Mr Ackley 27" ult.

[39] February 1868 Saturday 29" Drake changing the caseing on Smutter — Water on the Wheel. Salted pork & cutting Sausage Meat. The Snow about all gone — We have had thawing Weather Since the 10" inst. Which up to this time gives us but Six Weeks real Winter. Which Was from Midnight 3rd ult. to the 10 inst. during which time it was intensely & Steadily cold. Without any intermission. Parties are fixing for leaving for the Mines. The farmers overhauling fences & preparing for plowing. Ben Harris in Some considerable Excitement about a Gold bearing Quartz Lode discovd on 8 Mile Crk. In fact the Whole county Seems to be More or less started. I trust that there is a bright future for Bitter root. Recd an Eastern Mail in less time than a Month. quite an improvement.

[40] March 1868

News Paper Ind'pt ♯21 "Thom Adams ♯6"

[a] Four Sisters of Providence founded a convent at St. Ignatius in 1864. Palladino, *opus citra*, pp. 138-143.

Sunday 1st Walked up to Town. Quite a Number of people congregate there Every Sunday. News from the Flat Head Camp. They are coming in Hav had a good hunt. Buffaloes close & plenty. Had Some Skirmishes with the Blkfeet. Lost one or two Men Some Wounded &c &c Not Much dependence to be placed upon the reports that precede the Camp Lomprey who has been afflicted with Nearly blindness which has baffled the Skill of Drs Baker & Rivalli is now under treatment of an Indian Doctor & is recovering. Strange though true. Poor Man has been confined to his house Nearly 2 Years.

[41] March 1868 (Monday 2nd) Issued flour Sent here by Agt. Mc. Cormick to the Indians There was quite a rush for it. Victor the Chief present & Saw the issue. Blake rendering out the Lard & putting it in Cans. Davidson Working on the room over the ice house. It will Make a Nice room when finished. Walked up to the Mission & got a little Vinegar from Revd. Father Giorda. Report is that Pres. Johnson Won't recognise Secty Stanton who Was forced upon him by a radical Senate. Think Grant has acted with duplicity. I trust the Pres will be Sustained in his Executive position. recd late telegram. Pres Johnson ordered before the Senate having been impeachd by the House Vote 146 Yeas 27 Nays. Adgt Gen. Thomas arrested & placed under bonds. Things book darker than they did any time during the rebellion. Rad' in Mo. declared for Grant.

[42] March 1868 Tuesday 3rd Last Eveing Mr. Pattie & Johnson reached here from Missoula & passed the Night recd Mail confirming the report of Pres. Johnsons impeachment. Things look darker East in My judgement than they did any time during the late rebellion Blake rendering out Lard. The Mill is all ready to be set in Motion So Soon as Sufficient Water Comes down. Davidson Still Working on the room over the ice house. Mr. Pattie rode up to see his old frind Lomprey.

[43] March 1868 Wednesday 4" Mr Pattee did Not return. Probably Went out to 3 Mile Creek & from there home. Mr. Johnson Went up to dine with Bro. Frank. It has Snowed Nearly all day. The Snow is Wet & in all probability the Storm Will Wind up with a rain. Mr Bass out in his Sleigh. It looks like Winter out of doors. Put a door frame in southern End of room over Ice house. Charly had the Water on the Wheel. All ready for grinding. Anxious for another Express Want to See What Congress Will do with the impeachment question. Dont think it will Stick. What a change

Plate XXII

St. Mary's Mission

The Mission of St. Mary's, which was originally established by Father DeSmet in 1841, and was sold to Owen in 1850. It is here shown as rebuilt by Father Ravalli in 1866, and as it still remains. Ravalli worked in a rear room of the Church and lived in one of the log huts to the right. Whenever Owen, in his Journals, refers to visiting Father Ravalli or the Mission, he means a visit to this spot.

From the original photograph in the Cathedral Archives at Helena, and loaned by Bishop Carroll for reproduction in this work.

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there Will be in the U. S. Senate in a Year from to day. Wade [———————?] & Many More Such Will be out.

[44] March 1868 Thursday 5" Mr Johnson gone out to 3 Mile Creek to See Mr. Harris. Mr Ben Harris in With Small grist of Corn. Every one anxious for the Mill to Start. Drake Went above to day to See about the Water. It Must be running off from the Main Stream There is Some 4 or 5 in of Snow on the ground. It certainly looks like Winter & also feels like it to day. Davidson Still Working on the room over the ice house. The Mess is fairing Very Well. Spare ribs Back Bones. & fresh Sausage Very palatable Our hens are laying freely. which gives us all the Eggs we want. They are Selling in Town for one Dollar pr Doz. Read Speeches of Doolittle Johnson & Hendricks. Able Efforts.

[45] March 1868 Friday 6" recd letter from Capt. De Lacy. Blake pulverised a piece of rock brot. from the Lode on 8 Mile Creek & Washed it out & gold was plain to be Seen with the Naked Eye. He Says the prospect was a good one. He Will go down in a day or So & look at the Lode for himself. There is quite an Excitement about it. The Princess Bambudak [?] up from the Jocko. The Water increassing. It has thawed Some to day Yet it has been quite cool Sold the Ham & Shlds of one hog to day the two pieces weighed 80# & brot. 50¢ pr # Amtg to $40.00 Hogs are the animal for profit. Pork will always command a big price in this count[r]y. The Old Chief Moese poor Man After a tedious Year of Sickness — he has been called home. He Was buried to day. Peace be With him.

[46] March 1868 Saturday 7" Blake & Davidson gone to 8 Mile Creek. Mr. S. Robertson down from Burnt fork. He has been hard at Work all Winter getting out rails & putting up the frame of a house. He is a good citizen raises good Crop & is doing Well. Deserves it too. Blake retd from 8 Mile Creek bringing Some Specimens of rock which he intends prospecting to Morrow. He Says that the discovery party have done considerable Work. They have Sunk one 50 foot Shaft & have run a tunnel into the Lode from the Shaft & that the rocks prospect well all the Way down. This discovery Will No doubt lead to other discoveries. Blake thinks that placer diggins Will be found below the Lode. The Name given the Lode is White Cloud one McClure the lucky discoveror —

[47] March 1868 Sunday 8" recd Eastern Mail dated Feby 9" insde of a Month good time for Winter Service in the Rky Mts. I See that Thas. Stevens & Bingham [constitute a] committee of the house to inform the Senate that the house had impeached the Prest.

Judge Carter released Gen Thomas who Was Met outside the Court house with demonstrations Not to be Misunderstood. My Gazette is very Severe upon Stanton & Grant. The latter he calls a Hypocrite & Liar. Stantons position is far from enviable. Grant's also. Report Says that Gen. Thomas has Commenced Suit against Stanton for false imprisonment Damages $250000.00 A Nice Sum. I prey God he May get it. Wrote Ind agt. Mr. W. Wells in W. C. inquiring the Necessity of having the Valley throw open for Settt [Settlement] The Flatheads will never leave of their own volation for the Jocko. Their case is truly a hard one —

[48] March 1868 Monday 9" Drake gone up to Willow Creek. overhauled My Bacon. The Citizens of the Valley held a Meeting in town Yesterday & got up a petition to the Hon Secty of the Interior praying that this Valley be thrown open for Sett. &c. Hope it May be favorably recd & considered. Sent off Eastern Mail by W. G. Edwards The Day has been Very pleasant. Chatfield down from town Says that parties have gone down to 8 Mile Creek for the purpose of laying off a town Near the Leads. Blake prospected More of the rock & found it rich. He had got Some from the bottom of the Shaft. Well there is No denying that gold is found in the rock & I thing When it is properly Worked that it will pay handsomely.

[49] March 1868 Tuesday 10" Mailed for Thom. Adams Indepent $22 With the conclusion of Vindex's romance of Helen Wingate. Blake Made from Concentrated Lye Some 50 lbs Nice Wht. Soap. Old Wife & the Orphan have gone fishing. Bro Frank buying all the Eggs he can get hold of — paying $1.00 per dos. Our Eastern farmers would think that a Well Managed hennery would be a paying institution. Mr. Johnson retd from 3 Mile Creek & took a Meridian observation with Sextant & found our time 5 Min. Slow Mr. King & a Mr. McCartny arrid from Cable City. recd Some letters but they have been a long time on the Way. Mr Pattee up from Missoula. Maurice Glased the Windows & hung door in room over Ice house.

[50] March 1868 Wednesday 11" Mr Johnson gone above. Geo White[1] County assesor up from Missoula & gone above assessing. Mr Pattee left for Missoula Sent by him $524.50 to liquidate My Notes due Worden & Co. Walked up to town Walking quite Muddy. A Mr Blair Who has been spending the Winter With Mr. Dobbins. left for Philipsburg Blake lost one of his Young Pigs last Night.

[1] George P. White and Mrs. Joseph Mineinger were the first white people married in Missoula County, March 5, 1862. Woody, *opus citra*, p. 100.

Cause unknown. Mr Pattee took quite a load off in With his 4 horse team. One item from Bro Frank 250 doz Eggs $1.00 per doz.

oz dwt grn

Weight of dust Sent Mess Worden & Co by Mr Pattee 29. 2. 19 = $524.50* Resacked Some flour for J. S. Robertson. Snow about all gone. Bro Frank Made quite a Sale Yesterday to Mess McKartney [?] King & Pattee. Wagons Can'd Stuff's &c &c.

[51] March 1868 Thursday 12" Maurice Making preparations to go on a prospecting tour on 8 Mile Creek. He is a very industrious — faithful & reliable Man. I hope he May Strike Something good. Wrote Hon Jas. M. Cavenaugh again concerning our Mail Service & the removal of the Indians down on the Jocko reserve. Shooting Scrape in town this Mning between Pat Mc Can Saloon Keeper & Sam Dougherty Which resulted in the former recing [receiving] a Severe shot in the region of hip which May prove fatal. Dougherty gone down in Company with Mr. Winslett to give himself up to Justice Parker Mr Johnson retd Drake gone to Missoula for Dr Baker to attend wounded Man, who is in great agony —

[52] March 1868 (Friday 13) Walked up to town last Eveing in company with Blake & Mr Johnson & Spent a few hrs very pleasantly With My Bro Frank The Wounded Man Suffering considerably Although the Ball passed Nearly through him he does not Bleed any. Internal hemorage is to be anticipated — Which May prove fatal. Mr Johnson left for Missoula. Hung up My bacon to Smoke, Blake up in town Justice Parker holding Examination of Sam Dougherty for Shooting Pat Mc Can. Met Dr. Baker in town who reached there before daylight this Mning. The Dr. Says the Man May possibly live as the Ball in passing through his body touched no vital part. Recd letter from Maj. Blake No Special News. All things quiet at the Agency. This afternoon Blustery & Cool. Some clouds flying overhead. Blake & I Walked up to town after dinner Met Dr Baker. The Wounded Man died about 6 o'clk P. M.

[53] March 1868 Saturday 14" recd a large Eastern Mail last Evenig by Drake who retd from Missoula. Further correspondence between the Pres. & Gen. Grant. The Statements of the Pres are Endorsed by five Members of the Cabinet. The Intelligencer very severe upon Grant. His position Very unenviable, to Say the least of it. May be a good Soldier but No politician. He had better

*Gold dust was the usual medium of exchange even for small purchases. It was difficult to get the dust to a mint, and paper had long been depreciated and was looked upon with disfavor.

let Writing alone. His Writings don't Show Much Brain. He is in bad ☞s [hands] Mr. Jno A. Simms up from French Town. Mc Can Was burried this Evening. Old Wife brought in a fine String of trout. It has been Blustery Most of the day. I see from My Eastern papers that they are pushing the Pacific R. R. through with great Vigor.* In all probability it will reach Salt Lake City before the close of this Year.

[54] March 1868 Sunday 15" Thom Adams $7

Bro. Frank down turning Wagons & property over to Mr. Mc. Cartney. Mr & Mrs Bass Called on their Way to Mr. Kings. Afternoon Squally. Frose quite hard last Night. Heavy ice cicles are hanging on the flume. Frost coming out of the ground slowly. Mr Simms left for home this Mning — after attending Mass at the Mission. Smith Depty Shff. up from Missoula. recd letter from Maj Graham. We have had a blustery cool Afternoon. In fact fire is Not to be ignored — Maj Graham writes that an Effort Will be Made to open a Wagon road from Philipsburg across the Mt by Burnt fork to this Valley. Hope it Will Succeed. We then could find an Easy outlet for the Surplus of this Valley. Distance less than 50 Miles

[55] March 1868 Monday 16" Mess Mc Cartney & King left this Mning for Cable City. Baker down overhauling Bolting chest & doing Some other Work on the Mill. Blake lost another Young pig. Cause unknown. Squally afternoon Bacon Smoking finely. Nearly done. Sold Bro. Frank 12 ½ doz Eggs for $1.00 pr doz. Worthy Making a Note of as they are the first Eggs I have Ever Sold. I have generally given them away & chickens too. Blake can't See why we

* At this time there was great interest in the construction of the Northern Pacific. " . . . It is all important for us to have all the information we can about the mountain passes, both the Cascade and Rocky ranges in order that we may rebut any statements our enemies may make . . . all our efforts at present are directed to getting such information." Letter signed "Thomas A. Canfield, General Agent Northern Pacific Railroad," written to Philip Ritz, of Walla Wallla, July 28, 1867, Helena *Weekly Herald*, Sept. 19, 1867, p. 2, col. 1.

"This new Company have selected and determined upon as their route for the construction of the Road: to follow up the Yellowstone valley, along the dividing plateau or between that stream and the Missouri; thence to cross the Yellowstone range through Bozeman's or Bridger's Pass, into the fertile and already populous valley of the Gallatin; thence to cross and follow up the Jefferson river through the only natural pass, or valley, of the 'Big Hole,' through the main range of the Rocky Mountains; and thence down the Deer Lodge, Hell Gate and Missoula, on to the Plains of the Columbia." Helena *Weekly Herald*, Oct. 3, 1867, p. 4, col. 1. Owen's long experience and knowledge of the country were of great value in the preliminary surveys for the railroad.

should Not Sell the proceeds of the hennery as Every one Else does. Well the Eggs will pay for Sugar & Coffee & other little things for the Mess. I have No objections as we hav Eggs for breakfast Whenever we want them & for cooking purposes. So let the Surplus go for Groceries &c Old Wife & Orphan off Fishing. It has been a real March day —

[56] March 1868 Tuesday 17" Duncan Mc. Donald reached here last Evening from Flathead Post. Weighd on the Mill Scales to day 178 ♯. Learn from the papers that Thad. Stevens is feeble & that his strength is fast failing him He Wade. Sumner & a few others of the Radical Stripe Can't leave this terrestrial Sphere too Soon for Me & the country's good. Snowing fiercely up to 12 M. When is ceased & began to disappear about as fast as it fell. Smith & Young Mc Donald left for Missoula. Lovely afternoon Snow all gone. Muddy Walking. Baker shifted the Stairs in the Mill. 5 P. M. high Sth Wind Mud drying up very fast. Wrote Col. Thornton Deer Lodge City. Montana Post[10] comes out for Grant for Next Prest. Subject to Nomination in National Convention Not fit for the position. He is Not More than a 3rd rate Man. Hardly that, or I am Mistaken.

[57] March 1868 Wednesday 18" An Indian last Evening brought Me the Nose of a Moose he had Killd which is considered a great Mt. delicacy. My old Wife cooked it — Ala Mode de Mountain. It is very rich. In fact too Much So for a delicate Stomach. We are having warm Soft days — but it still continues to freese quite hard at Night. No plowing has been done yet in any part of the Valley. Mr Spencer was here Yesterday from French Town who says that there is considerable Snow on the ground Yet in that Vicinity. Baker Still Working on the Bolt. Charly has all the Water out of the flume with a view of raising Main Shaft which requires New boxing. Hope we will hav sufficient Water in a few days to run Mill. Finished Smoking My Bacon.

[58] March 1868 Thursday 19" Ind's Moving up on their return from Buff. They have Some Meat. Their Stock very poor. Sterny Blake Shut up Some 12 Young Barrows [?] to fatten. Seperated the old Sows from the Young ones. Baker finished the Bolt & is doing some other Work about the Mill. General fixing up preparatory to Starting up. Some Wheat coming in. Had a Nice Duff for dinner — Chatfield down. Sold 3 doz More Eggs for $1.00 pr

[10] The *Montana Post* of Virginia City was the first newspaper published in Montana.

Doz. & invested the Amt. in Star Candles @ $1.00 pr lb. Two of the Young Sows have slunk [?] their pigs. The old Sows are coming on finely. Raup over in his Buggy. He has a very Nice turn out. for two persons. Mrs Chatfield left for home. The Princess Bambudak remaind. They have been in on a Visit to My old Wife for the past two days.

[59] March 1868 Friday 20" Up in Town. had a Settt [Settlement] With My Bro. Frank Showing a Ball to My Cr. on his books of $300.00 A ½ Breed Buff. Cow belonging to Mr. Dobbins had a Calf. It has been the generally conceived opinion that a Domestic Cow could not give birth to a Calf by a Buff. Bull owing to the Want of Nature Not having provided the American or Domestic cow with the properly formed Womb or Pelvis in order to accomodate the hump which is Natural to all Buffaloes. Then again the cross is a Hybrid & it was generally supposed that like the Mule the Cross of the Mare & Jack they Would Not breed. Both opinions are Now Exploded for in this Case a 3 yr old heifer from a domestic Cow by a Buff Bull has given birth to a Calf. Seeing is Believing. Baker getting out boxing for two horizontal shft that drives the Smutter. Davidson in from 8 Mile Creek & retd for his Tools — [NOTE. The recent creation of the new species called the cattalo, which produces itself, is of interest in connection with Owen's early testimony.]

[60] March 1868 Saturday 21st Mr. Dorris from Helena Called & left in Co. With Chatfield for the Mines. W. G. Edwards County Treas. called Settl'd My taxes with him for last year leaving Ball. due County of $27.97 cents. Davidson in With his tools from 8 Mile Creek. He is Some What discouraged. Says the Stripings are too heavy for one Man. Sunk a hole Some 11 feet deep & will rest at that for a While Baker put in New boxing for horrizontal & Babbitted them. Considerable Wheat in the Mill. Mostly of a poor Quality. Will Not grind for toll. Intend Converting Mill into an Exchange Mill. I think it will be better for all concerned. We Will See. Raisd Main Shft. The Nth. End Wants a New Box.

[61] March 1868 Deer Lodge Ind'pt $23.

Sunday 22nd Put up Some roosters last Night to fatten. Sent off lot Bacon to Bonner & Welch Took a Walk down to Mr Bass's & from his good Lady got a 2 lb roll fresh Butter. I See by letter from Helena that Prest Johnson will file two plees in his impeachment Case Either of which in My humble judgement would be Sufficient to Warrant a Nolle prosse qui. The 1st is that Neither House of Congress is fully represented 2nd is — Could an impartial trial

be had by the Senate in its present radical & Excited Condition. How Many of them could be found that would or could Swear that they would give an unbiased opinion or had Not already Expressed themselves adverse to the Prest. Cause. I trust that Chief J. C. [Justice Chase] will dismiss the Case & Wash his hands of it. Horace has been absent Some Six Weeks

[62] March 1868 Monday 23rd Yesterday My old Wife. the Princess & Orphan went fishing & retd with some 20 # fine trout Afternoon rain With Sth Wind. Flock Wild Geese flew over to day & Settled down in the river below the Mill. Blake went to see if he could Not bag one. Geese too sly but he retd with a fine Mink. Mink Killd in Season is the Most Valuable fur We have Now. They Have brot as high as Six dollars pr Skin in N. Y. City. They are quite Small & it requires a goody Number to Make a Lady a full Set of furs Cut a hole into the hen house through Eastern Wall. Intend Keeping the Hens on the outside They annoy us considerable inside the fort. The hens are doing pretty Well. Shut one up that was inclined to Set. Thinking it too Early. Next Month will be time Enough to Set Hens —

[63] March 1868 Tuesday 24" Recd last Evening by the hands of Ed Corwan a fine variety of garden Seeds Sent us by Maj. Blake from Jocko Agency Blake & Myself took quite a ride. Went over the river to look at the place I bot Some 2 yrs ago for Horace It is a beautfl place. rode up to the Saw Mill. retd & rode up the Creek as far as the Chateau De La Fontaine. Looking after Water for the Mill. Creek Not Yet thawd out & but little Water coming out of the Mt. Lafontaine Commencd plowing to day — He has a Very Nice place & raises good crops. He very Kindly gav us a fine lot of Onion Seed. retd home by Lomprey's & the town. Lomprey's Eyes are improvg. Caled on Bro. Frank. reachd the fort about 5 P. M. With a good appetite for dinner. Baker & Drake have got the Mill about ready for runing.

[64] March 1868 Wednesday 25" Sent Davidson above this Mning to construct dam at Lafontaine's recd large East. Mail last Eving. Doc's from our delegate Hon. J. M. Cavenaugh Learn that Spl. Ind Agt. Mc Cormick had retd to Jocko Agency from his trip to Helena. Va City & Deer Lodge. My old Wife gone Shopping in Town. With few doz Eggs & a few dollars in Gold Dust — Wrote Maj. Graham. Sharp over & Called. Ambrose Now the Second Flathead Chief Call'd Had a long talk with him Told him I was short of Meat &c He says that to Morrow Morning he will Notify

his camp & that his people Will bring Me Meat & tongues for trade — Gave him 5 ½ flour in the Name of his Great Father

[65] March 1868 Thursday 26" The Mill all ready for running So soon as we have plenty of Water. Fear I shall have to cut another ditch below Lompreys & bring into Mill Creek the Water that rises in the Swamp & runs through town There is 3 or 4 Sluice heads we could get by cutting a ditch that would Not cost over $50.00 Davidson gone up to Survey the ground Rode down to Mr. T. [?] B. Harris after an oil Stove. Ret'd by Mr. Bass's he has Commenced plowing. Up in Town 5 P. M. full head of Water & raining Will be able to Start up to Morrow A large Band of Young Cattle belonging to a Mr. Perkins of Oregon Who Wintd [Wintered] them above here passed down on their Way to Flint Creek. The Band No some 300 were fancy 3 & 4 year olds & lookd Well. They Will Soon Make Beef when placed on good Grass.

[66] March 1868 Friday 27" Sterny & Maurice repairing fence. Paid a visit to the Revd Father Giorda. Sowed Some Timothy Seed. Up in town trying to buy or hire a team of horses. It is time the plows were running. Baker Not Yet through with the Mill. Plenty of Water Now for grinding. Have had a lovely day with light Breese from Sth. Ambrose the Chief Called & brought Me Some 25 # pembican Very Nice — Gave him in return some Sugar. Wagons passing En Route for the Mines. Our farmers have an idea that they Must do their own freighting & get all their produce brings in the Mines Never for a Moment taking into consideration the loss of their time Wear & tear of Stock & Wagon & then the Neglect of Matters at home when they had much better stay & let others freight.

[67] March 1868 Saturday 28" Mr Robt way down from Upper End of the Valley. Blake turnd in another Small branch Amting to about one Sluice head. shipd up after dinner & run through Some twenty or thirty More Bu of Corn & then commencd on the Wheat — Mr Benj. Harris in. Horace retd, from Missoula after Nearly two Months absence bringin Me a Mail & a bottle of Bitters from Mr. W. W. Johnson S'pl Ag't. Mc. Cormick Wrote Me that he will be up in a few days — Blake & Maurice Working on the fencing — Spring is upon us — It is high time the plows were in the ground — Baker about through with his Work on the Mill, having Commencd on Monday 16" Working Sunday 22nd Making 13 days @ $[?] pr Day —

[68] March 1868 Sunday 29" Blake Sowed Some Cabbage

& Tomato Seed in hot bed. It has been a real Summer day. Horace gone above to Gird [?] Creek.

Monday 30" Sent off Mail by Mr. Nelson. Horace retd last Eving after dark. Blake & Maurice Gardening — Sowd radish Lettuce — Set out Some onion Sets. Set out Some apple trees Mr Ritz Sent Me. I trust that quite a Numer of those I Set out last Spring May bud again & Make trees yet. Although I Must confess that I have great fears of Many out of Nearly One thousand Will Ever Make any thing. Ind agt. Mc Cormick up from Jocko brot Me a Small Mail No Special News. The outlandish "Impeachment" progressing slowly. "rcd. remonstrance"

[69] March 1868 Tuesday 31st Up cutting ditch to turn More Water in Mill Creek. Agt. Mc Cormick left for 3 Mile Creek. Mill Crowded with Wheat & the Water too low to run. It has been a lovely day. Teams passing on their Way to the Mines. This time last Year We had plenty of snow on the ground. We have had No real Winter since 10" Ult. But while We had Winter from Midnight 3rd Jany until the 10" ult. it Was at times intensely & all the time, Steadily cold. With but a few in. of Snow at any time during the Winter — This is the Earliest Spring I have Ever Seen in the country. Farmers commencing to plow Early Corn got large Crops in. Every one is busy — In fact they don't like having to Stop a plow in order to come to Mill — David O'Kieff up from Hell Gate & gone above, 8 O'cl'k P. M. Charley Shipd up & Commenced grinding Wheat. The Water increasing.

[70] April 1868

Wednesday 1st X. M. ₵8 recd last Eveing p'kge, Garden Seeds from Mr Simms of Fren. Town, Drake run the Mill last Night for a few hrs. The Water is Shut again this Morning & he has gone above to See if the dams Made Yesterday hav given Way. Blake Went above as far as Lafontaines & found two of our dams cut. I am annoyed considerable about the Water. Mill runing slowly all day until 4 P. M. When the Water commenced coming down again. The Mill Crowded With Wheat. Baker finished up to day the repairs he has been some two Weeks putting on the Mill. Horace I believe has Sold his ranch on the other Side of the river to Mr Bass & has left to Strike out for himself. He is 26 years of age & has Never Known What is [————————?] to Earn his bread I trust he May do Well.

[71] April 1868 Thursday 2nd Being all day in the Mill. Thos Simpson Chairman Board County Commissions called on his return

from Missoula Bro't. Me Small Mail. rcd Visit from Revd Fathers Grassy & Giorda & Bro. Frank. The Revd Father Grassy has been residing in Helena the past Winter He is the Superior of the Missions in this Territory & I think the Superior of the Pacific Coast. He is a very pleasant affable Gent. He intends leaving for Portland & probably San Francisco in a few days on business connected with the different Missions under his jurisdiction Bro. Frank Very Kindly presented us with ½ doz fresh. Buff tongues & two fleeces [skins] Recd Summons from Dr J. B. Baker W. M. [Worshipful Master?] of Missoula Lodge U. S. to Meet at Missoula Saturday Evening 4″ inst for the purpose of organing [here Owen has drawn the figure of a square] □ &c "Take due Notice &c"

[72] April 1868 Friday 3rd Mill running Charmingly. Parties down for flour. Every one glad to See the Mill in Motion again. The Stock going out that Wintered in the Valley looks bad — Chatfield got back from a trip to the Mines — Visited Bear Elk & other Mining Camps. He Went out Some two Weeks ago as Cargadore for Mr. G. W. Dobbins but retd without being able to Effect any thing. Up in town. Everything dull. Bro Frank Very anxious to Sell out & go home Don't Wonder. With an interesting young Wife & Daughter in Phila & he here trying to Make his fortune in the Mts — "Played out" Intend leaving to Morrow for Missoula in Company With Mr. J. S. Robinson.

[73] April 1868 Monday 6″ retd Yesterday from Missoula accompanied by Judge Pomeroy. Last Evening when we reached the fort I was Very tired & badly chaffd on My rectum Met quite a Number of Wagons & families on their way to the Mines. Found Every thing very dull at Missoula. The few Bros. of the Masonic order Met according to Call & organ[iz]ed U. D. Missoula □ i. e., Masonic lodge. The W. M. Called the Craft off until Saturday 18 inst. Mill busy to day Smutting Wheat for Mr. Bass. It is Not only Smutty but badly frost bitten. Bro Frank down from Town. Blake has Cabbage radish & Lettuce up. We are having fine growing Weather. A little dry. The Hens are doing finely. Judge Pomeroy paid Bro Frank a Visit. Bot Some Garden Seeds — rake &c

[74] April 1868 Sunday 7″ Judge Pomeroy left for Missoula Mr. Winslett called on his Way to Mr. Parker's J. P. to Execute his bond & take oath of office as P. M. Signed his bond. We are in hopes Now that we will Soon have Mail Service. Mr. Winslett has his apt. as P. M. 3 O'clk P. M. raging S'th Wind. Sky Dark. May rain. Up to the Mission & town. Saw the Revd Father & Bro Frank.

Hired a Yoke of oxen from Indian Felix. It is high time we were plowing. Mill running. Water Shut. "The aquatic fowl hangs high"

Wednesday 8" Blake & Maurice plowing & harrowing. My Snake delegation began plowing. Mill finished Bass's Wheat & Commenced Smutting Raup's. Fine head of Water. Plowing Yoke Cattle of Felix. Work Well.

[75] April 1868 Thursday 9" Shut up two hens to break them from Setting. The day cloudy. All hands Gardening Making Beds. Sowing onion Seeds & field peas. The ground in fine order & Blake is taking all the pains he can to put his Seed in properly. Bro. Frank Called & took a lunch. Water too low for Mill. The Yoke of Cattle I hired from Felix Work'g Well. Maurice plows with them as though they were horses. They Need No driver. We are drilling the onion Seed & planting them Without having Soaked them. Set out Beets. &c

Friday 10" Another of the Young Sows came in last Night giving birth to five dead pigs. Sowing peas & onion Seed. 12 O'clk. M. cloudy & threatening rain. Mill shipd up With Small head of Water. Sowd 3 ½ Beds of the Demi orange onion. A New Seed for this Country. attended Supper Call Very Tired. "No Nips"

[76] April 1868 Saturday 11" Two plows putting in Peas. Butcherd a 3 yr old Heifer for Beef. Settled a/c With Mr W. Bass — Up in town which I find Very dull — Bro Frank down. Beef Weighd 444 #s —

Sunday 12" Easter Sunday & Will be celebrated at the Mission. Service in the Chapel 3. P. M. for the Whites. Was present & listened to a religious discource from the Revd. Father Giorda. Unfortunately he does Not Speak the English language with Ease or fluency. But Still the Spirit of the discourse on the Subject of the occasion Was plainly to be Seen in the Manner of the Revd. Father. "May We all profit by it" —

[77] April 1868 Monday 13" Blake — Chatfield — & Myself Making beds & Sowing Onion Seed. Davidson Sowing & plowing in peas — Mr. Harvey Sent down for Grist. Gave him paper Celery Seed & Some roots of Pie Plant Horse radish & Tansy — Quite a party of Strangers from Helena on a prospecting tour From all We hear our Valley Will be Ve [very?] full of Strangers during the Summer — Water shut for the Mill. This time last Year had the greatest abundance. The afternoon too Windy for Sowing Onion Seed So We turned in & planted a Bed of Beet. Have dift. Varieties. Mess. Gormly & Hutchinson & Spiers Called. The latter to remain

all Night. Mr. Gormly is a Quartz Mill Man & is looking out for a good Situation for a Mill. Hope he May find one close.

[78] April 1868 Tuesday 14" Bro. Frank down & took lunch. Mr. Spiers quite unwell. Hemorage of the lungs. 5 P. M. Squally with Strong cold Wind from the South Too disagreable for farming. The plows are idle today. Mr Spiers tells Me Confidentially that he thinks they have a good thing on the other Side of the river Not More than One hundred Miles from the fort. Hope it May be true & pay out Well. "Bully" — Would like to See forty-Seven Hundred Stamp Mills at Work turning out one pound clean dust to Square in. of ground worked — Then We could be happy. Probably. Finished Sowing Peas. 25 Bu. in. Will Commence Sowing Barley to Morrow.

[79] April 1868 X. M. ♯9 Wednesday 15" Eggs in the Mkt. hav declind one half No Seeds Sown to day — Maurice rolling the ground where the Peas were sown — Mr. Spiers left to join his Camp — Shut up four hens to break them from Setting. Fine quite desirable all day. Water too low for the Mill to run. Since the party of Strangers reached here Some two days ago Every one is speculating as to their designs. Well it is is Easy to be Seen that the quartz discoveries that have been Made in this Section are inviting Capatalists & adventurers to this part of the Country. And I for one do think that we will have a lively camp here this Summer —

[80] April 1868 Thursday 16" Winter. I fear We are putting Seeds in the ground too Early. Sowing Onion Seed. Finished rolling in the peas. Then commenced Sowing & plowing in the barley. Mc Niell Hutchinson & Spiers of the prospecting party called & left for their camp Some four Miles above on the opposite Side of the river. They appear to be in fine Spirits & think they have the thing Sure — Recd Small Mail No Special News. 5 P. M. Wind Subsided & it is bright & quite pleasant. Water too low for the Mill to run. Francis Blake up from the agency brings report that Ind agt. Wells has committed Suicide in W. C.

[81] April 1868 Friday 17" Sowed — Sage. Pepper Grass. Parsley. Parsnips & Vegatable oysters in long Warm Bed. Sowed a fine bed of Onions & quit the Wind too high — County Treas Mr Edwards calld bringing with him a Small Mail from Missoula. Too Cold & blustry this afternoon for gardening Water to low for Mill

Saturday 18" Another Young Sow came in this Mning but lost all her pigs. We are having bad luck from Some cause With our hogs. Finished Sowing onion Seed. 4 11 ft Beds are in. Sowed over two ♯ Seed. Hope they May do Well for Blake has Spared No

pains in putting the Seed in. Mess Gormly & Hutchines left for Helena. Mill Still for Want of Water

[82] April 1868 Sunday 19" Trust We have Spring Now in hard Earnest. Another Young Sow dropd five pigs last Night three of Which Were alive this Mning. Mr. Robertson called on his Way from Missoula bringing Me a letter from Dr. Baker which confirms the report brought Me by Ind. Boy Francis on Thursday last of Jno W. Wells In'd Ag't. for Flathead's having com't Suicide in W. C. The letter states that he Was buried on 14" ult.

Monday 20" Blake Making Garden. Maurice & I went above to look after the Water — found all My damns broke. & the Water Wasting. Was up as far as Chateau Dr La Fontaine Had a Nice lunch there. refixd the dams & retd home quite fatigued. Blustery Evening & Cool.

[83] April 1868 Tuesday 21st Water in the flume increased a little. Blake Sowing Carrot Seed & harrowing them in. Drake Shipd up this Morning after breakfast & has had a fair head of Water all day. 12 Ocl'k M. Cloudy with Cool breese from the Nth.

Wednesday 22nd Water too low for the Mill. Fear the Water has been turned out above through pure Malice. Made a Wager With Blake that he would hav 125 pigs With the 10 Now on hand, by the 15" day of July Next. Wager a pr. of Boots or Hat. At the discretion of the Winner. The day turned out to be Very pleasant Walked up to the Mission & Town. Bro. Frank Very Kindly gave Me ½ doz Buff. Tongues — "Planted two rows Peas."

[84] April 1868 Thursday 23rd Set two hens last Evening on 15 Eggs Ea. Blake & Maurice gone above to repair the dams. Mill idle for Want of Water. Had Some Wheat in the Mill that required double Smutting. Drake having Water Sufficient to Smut With — unship'd the pinion & ran the Smutter alone. The Smutter requires but a few in. of Water When runing Separately. Mess Spiers & Martin over from their Camp which is some 3 Miles above on the other side of the river. They find the Snow too deep to penetrate the Mts far. Blake found My dams all broken — repaired them. 5 P. M. the Water got down when Drake shipd up With the intention of cleaning out the Mill before he Shuts down. Bed time the Mill running & Blake & Maurice are packing flour. Have a good head of Water

[84] April 1868 Thursday 24th Charly ran the Mill last Night until 1 O'clk this Morning. Mill running With a Very Small head of Water. Blake & Maurice gardening planting Beets & Potatoes —

Day pleasant. Want rain badly. Sheriff Laribee up from Missoula. Revd Father Giorda Called on his Way from Missoula & brought a Small Mail. New Moon this Evening, Which Inds Call their Bitter root Moon.

Saturday 25" Blake irrigating his garden. Left for Missoula in answer to call from W. M. accompanied by Jno. S. Robertson. Mill idle for Want of Water. My Dam that Blake & Maurice repaired on Thursday last has been broken again.

[86] May 1868

Sunday 10" Retd from Missoula accompanied by Maj. Blake — Found My old friend Maj. Graham here. He has Valuable ground in the Flint Creek district. Hope it May turn out Well — for he deserves it — Chatfield down. Find young Blake in good heart. His garden looks well. Has Some 26 young pigs. During My absence I visited the Jocko agency & passed a few days. During the past Week the board of county Commissioners Met & Were in Session three days. I had quite a pleasant time. Drove down to Fren[ch] Town & paid a Visit to Mr Simms & Lady. accompanied by Mrs. Dan Welch Mrs Bonner & Miss Kate Higgins.[11] Things are Very dull at Missoula & Hell Gate. The farmers are putting in large crops.

[87] May 1868 Monday 11" The Crops Want rain very Much. It has been Very dry all the Spring. Maj's Blake. Graham & Myself Walked up to town & Spent the Evening With Bro. Frank.

Tuesday 12" Davidson left for Helena. Mill runing with fine head of Water. Maj. Blake & I Walked up & Visited Bro. Frank. & the Revd. Fathers. Sterny cutting Potatoes for planting. Sows are coming in & doing finely.

Wednesday 13" Rode down With Maj. Blake to See Mr Tyler who lives on a Small Creek below 8 Miles Creek 6 P. M. a perfect gale from the Nth. Dust flying in clouds. Mill Shut down for Want of grain.

[88] May 1868 Thursday 14" Majs Blake & Graham left for Philipsburg by Way of Burnt fork. Threating rain this Evening. Sterny Setting out Cabbage plants. Settled With My Miller. And closed the Mill for the present. Hen off with Brood of chickens. Set another Hen — on 15 Eggs

Friday 15 X. M. X I Sterny planting potatoes. Now I have closed the Mill — for the purpose of Stopping the Expense of a Miller. The Wheat is being offered. Two grists were refused to day.

[11] Miss Kate Higgins married Washington J. McCormick. She is still living in Missoula.

Had a Visit from the Revd Father Rivalli. It has been a very disagreable day. The gardens are all Suffering for rain. Every one predicts a dry Summer. Recd East Mail. Letters from Hon. J. M. Cavenaugh X. M. Adams & others — Mr Pattee up from Missoula

[89] May 1868 Friday 16" our Delegate in Con. The Hon. Jas. M. Cavenaugh writes Me that We will hav a peace Commissioner here this Summer. in the person of one Col. Cullen.[12] The object of his Visit Not Stated. These peace Commissioners are one Stupendous farce. They generally Wind up in Smoke. As Gen Sherman did. 6 P. M. Cloudy & thundering in the S'th Every appearance of the Much Needed rain. Bro. Frank down to day. Sterny Setting out Cabbage plants. Killd a Yearling pig — More Wheat refused to day. Mr Pattee left for Missoula. Examind My Mill With a View of buying it. Do trust We May have rain. Mr Dobbins retd Yesterday from a trip to the Mines reports Every thing very dull. No Money & No Sale for produce of any Kind. Things look gloomy.

[90] May 1868 Sunday 17" Wrote Dr. W. T. Edgar. He is an old friend formerly Surgeon in the U. S. A. He has located in lower Cal. In what is called the San Gorgonia [sic] & has Embarked on the Culture of the Grape. Recd Small East Mail. With Pkge of Seed from Hon. Jas M. Cavenaugh. Lafontaine down. Sterny Set a 10 Gal Keg of Vinegar. Evening Blustery. The light shower we had last Night done some good. although We all Wish it had lasted longer. Recd letter from Col. C. C. Thornton of Deer Lodge City who writes Me that the Gallatin & Madison Valleys are Swarming with grasshoppers devouring Every thing before them. This time last Year the ground in this Valley was literaly Black with them. They done great damage to the Crops. They were large Enough to fly in June when they raisd in Swarms & left.

[91] May 1868 Monday 18" Blake Set out Some fine tomatoe plants. If it only Clears up Warm it Will be great for the Crops. Some of our Seeds are Not Yet up — although they have been in the ground a long time. The ground being too dry for the Seeds to germinate. "Old Wife took fine String of trout"

Tuesday 19" Wrote Hon. Jas. M. Cavenaugh Gen. Drum [?] & Thos Adams. Blake Setting out Cabbage plants. fine day for it. Cloudy & damp. Blake has over 100 tomato plants out all of which

[12] W. J. Cullen was appointed special agent for the Indians of Montana April 9, 1868. His services was for one year only. Walter W. Johnson in Montana Historical Society *Contributions*, v. I, p. 291.

look Well. The Clouds blew over after Noon & the Sun came out Warm. "Delegation Ind Chiefs."

[92] May 1868 Wednesday 20 Recd Eastern Mail. With copy of the report of the Com. Gen. Land office from Delegate Jas. M. Cavenaugh. Recd Summons from W. M. to attend Meeting [of Missoula Lodge] at Missoula Saturday Evening 23rd inst. Tomato plants look well. Some 1500 Cabbage Plants out.

[93] May 1868 Friday 22nd Mr. Winslett down last Eveing & Sat until bed time. Another Small Mail. Mr Robertson down. My little Swallows have retd & are Now busy building their Nests under the Eves of the Bastions. The day has been pleasant Bro Frank down & Sat awhile. Business dull. Intend leaving for Missoula in the Morning.

Wednesday 27" Retd from Missoula. Had a very pleasant time. Two Meetings of the [Lodge?] Saturday Eving & Monday Eving. Rode down to Hell Gate. Paid a Visit to My old friend Baron O'Kieff Met Mr Tipton there. Riv[er] high Came the high Water trail. The garden looking Well. Want rain. Blake Sticking peas. recd Eastern Mail report of Com. on N. P. R. R. Letter from X M.

[94] May 1868 Thursday 28" Done Some Weeding in the garden. Set out Cabbage plants Bro. Frank & Mr. Winslett down

Friday 29" Paid In'd Felix $4.00 leaving Ball of $16.00 due him for use of Yoke oxen this Spring "12" days plowing Pea ground & garden Weeding Onion beds & hoing Cabbage busy all day although it was Very blustery & quite cool part of the time It is too Cold for the plants to do well. The tomato plants are quite Yellow. Some few of the potatoes were frost bit Some few Nights ago. It was 8 days that I used Felix's Cattle instead of 12 for Which I allowed him 2.50 pr day — to $20. Nice dish Young Lettuce & Radishes

[95] May 1868 Saturday 30" Had a Very heavy frost last Night. The tomato plants although covered, Blake fears are Killd. He found thin ice in his hog trough this Morning. It is truly discouraging. Weeding Onion beds Recd Eastern Mail Which brought Me the Sad intelligence of the death [of] My poor invalid Sister. I had been for a long time prepared for painful News. I Sincerely trust she is happy With our Redeemer in Heaven.

Sunday 31" This being Whitsunday the Revd. Fathers give Service for the Wht. inhabitants of the Valley in the Chapel. Walked up to the Chapel & listened to a very interesting discourse [by] Revd. Father Giorda. [on] The History of the day White or Whit Sunday.

The Holy Catholic Church &c Quite a good turn out, for so disagreable day. Cold & Showery. Bro. Frank down "to Supper"

[96] June 1868

X. M. ♯XOI Monday 1st Blake Setting out Cabbage & onions The tomatoes that were Set out Some 125 plants were all Killd but ten. It is Very fortunate that Sterny Kept Sufficient back in the hot bed to replace them With. Dressed Some Cabbage plants to day the ground is in lovely order. Mr Tyler in from Neighborhood of 8 Mile Creek. Says he has discov[ered] Some rich quartz Lodes. He is an old prospector from California There is a party up on Sweat house Creek sinking a drain ditch. They have had a fair prospect, but Nothing big as far as they hav gone. Mr Tyler Seems in fine Spirits — Showd Me Some of the rock & With a glass gold was plain to be Seen but Very fine. We Will have diggins Yet No doubt —

[97] June 1868 Tuesday 2nd Working in the garden. Mr. Tyler got his picks sharpened & left for home. He is very Much Elated with his scant discoveries. Trust they May turn out Well. The Bitter root Valley requires Some thing of the Kind to Make it More lively than it is at present time Chatfield down

Wednesday 3rd The ground is Now in fine order & a better prospect for Crops Was Never had in the Valley. Evening bright & Still Bro. Frank down to Tea. Stuck Peas —

[98] June 1868 Thursday 4" Recd. Small Mail [of] Pub. Docs from Hon. Jas. M. Cavenaugh [and] a Letter from Gen. E. Hamilton of Portland Oregon Making inquiries for one A. B. Baggs of Springfield Ohio &c. Wrote Dr. W. T. Edgar San Gorgonio [?] Lower Cal. 12 O'clk M. Bright & pleasant. Working the garden Howing Cabage & Weeding onion beds. Mr. Elijah Chaffin[13] one of the Mill remonstraters down begging for flour Didn't See it. With plenty of Wheat & No flour for his family — Intend letting them Sweat awhile. Probably the[y] Will be More prudent in future. The Deer Lodge Independent[14] Comes out in its last two Nos. clothed in a pure "Democratic" Garb. A Mr. Rogers has assumed the Editorial Chair I Wish it Every Success — Nice dish of Lettuce for dinner. The Inds all off.

[13] Elijah Chaffin came into the Bitter Root in 1866, and for many years was a prominent rancher there.

[14] The *Independent* was started at Deer Lodge in 1867. John H. Rodgers purchased it the next year, and in 1869 moved it to Helena and named it the Helena *Independent*. It is still published as a Democratic paper.

[99] June 1868 Friday 5" Blake Weeding his garden. Renovate — My bed room. Saw a Bug this Morning on the Wall that I did Not fancy. Found No other's. Changd My Old bed Stead for a New one Made Me by Mr. Ralls. Which is a Very Nice piece of furniture & look Very Well for a Bitter root production. Mr. Blodgett from Salt Lake with one Wagon & quite a band of young Stock passed up. Afternoon Very Warm. Almost tempted to broach the ice. Have been reading the Arguments of Nelson. Groesbeck — Stanbery & Evarts in the impeachment farce. They are all able arguments. Mr. Groesbeck delivd his argument under Very unfavorable circumtances Being quite indisposed during the Whole time. My Old Wife & the orphan took a fine String of trout to day from the river. Sherman forded the river with his Wagon.

[100] June 1868 Saturday 6" Mr. Jas Mansinger up from Missoula. A precinct convention was held in town to day. Was Not present. pleasant day for Working in the garden. Mr. Benj. Harris in with grist for Mill tells Me that his Mother had reached Missoula in Safety & Was Now With Mrs Potter her daughter. Found Sandy Sow With 3 Pigs.

Sunday 7" Mr Talbot down from Willow Creek He is a Miller & will come down to Morrow for the purpose of taking Charge of My Mill. Blake off on a Visit to the famers below. Day Very pleasant. Mr. Mc Clure the discoverer of the Wht. Cloud Lode in to see Me & get Some furs. It is the first time I have Met With him. He gave Me an interesting account of the Lode. Says he is down 80 ft & prospects well the Whole "distance"

[101] June 1868 Monday 8" Blake Says that the grain below here all looks well. In fact the prospects for a good crop were Never better. Not a Grasshopper to be Seen. There are Some Crickets on 8 Mile Creek. also on 3 Mile Creek. But we trust they will Not be in sufficient Numbers to damage the crops Materially. Mr. Talbot Came down & took chge of the Mill @ $125.00 pr Mo & board. Tapd My ice & found it Very refreshing. Mr. Talbot dressing Burrs. District Court Meets to day at Missoula. Bro. Frank down & Sit awhile.

[102] June 1868 Tuesday 9" Blake Set out Some Tomato plants. The garden wants rain again — Mr. Talbot Started up the Mill. He has a fine head of Water & Whe[n] he becomes familiar with the Machinery &c I think he will do Well. I like his Motions Very Much.

Wednesday 10" recd letter yesterday from Mr. Thom. Adams 13

ult. less than a Month from W. C. The impeachment farce Not yet disposed of. Very Warm day The Mill ground out. Jno. S. Robetson retd from Missoula. Ticket distributed for Masonic Ball 24" inst. Some Small grists in but were soon flourd & deliv'd. Fatigue party of Snake's Weeding onion Beds.

[103] June 1868 X M XIII Thursday 11" What prospects for a crop. I do trust the Season will hold out as it has Set in. The farmers are all in fine Spirits. recd Eastern Mail Prest. Johnson acquitted — Ex Pres Buchanan No More Expird in his 77" Year. Mill busy all day. Grind Some fine grists — Jack Slack & party down En route for Missoula. They hav a 4 horse team & inasmuch as I am compld to be at Missoula to Meet with the board on Saturday I will take pasge with them as it will be More pleasant than ridig on horse back —

Friday 12" Took passage in the Wagon with Slack — Cone & Conan. Met Maj's Blake & Graham this Side of Cold Spring Well fortified with flagon of old Bourbon. reached Missoula in good time

[104] June 1868 Sunday 14" Retd home in Company with the two other Cty. Commissioners. Found Maj Graham & Blake here Enjoying themselves as they best could. Tansy Ice &c &c

Monday 15" All hands in the Shade With a little more Tansy ice &c

Tuesday 16" Garden looks Well. hogs look Well, In fact all ☞s doing Well on a little Tansy Ice &c &c

Wednesday 17 Dr. Baker up from Missoula on a Visit to Mr. Chaffin He Enjoyed a little Tansy Ice &c hugely after a Warm ride of 30 Miles. It is very refreshing truly most any Warm day.

[105] June 1868 Thursday 18 Hoeing in the Garden. Maj Graham & Blake has been absent Some days. They Startd on Monday last to look at a quartz Lode on 8 Mile Creek. Dr. Baker retd

Friday 19 Last Night after going to bed Dr. Baker was again Called to See Mr. Chaffin. Dull — Dull — day.

Saturday 20" No one Stiring Mill runing. Considerable wheat yet to be ground. But it comes in slow

Sunday 21st Majs Blake & Graham retd. They say that during their absence that their confidence has been abusd. No Tansy Ice &c Mistakes will happen &c Our Brudder is Smart.

[106] June 1868 Monday 22nd Maj Blake up to take dinner With Bro. Frank. Our Brudder found some little Tansy Ice

Tuesday 23 Snake party Weeding in the garden. Old Wife & the orphan gathering Strawberries — Sultry — Wrote Judge Wm

Strong Atty. for the O. S. N Co [Oregon Steam Navigation Company] Portland Oregon. 5 o'clk P M a terrible gale. Six Mo Note 2718.27 from July 1st 10 pr ct pr annum. [NOTE. This transaction probably marks the beginning of Owen's serious monetary troubles, although hints of his cramped finances have appeared several times in the Journals. He mortgaged the Fort about a year after this entry. See Appendix H.]

Wednesday 24" Made an Experiment on the Robinson Sow. Majr Blake left for home. Trust that this Bullet Experiment Will succeed. A lovely rain to day. Worth Money to the farmers. Hoeing Cabbage.

[107] June 1868 Thursday 25" Hav been transplanting Beets all day. Made a Wager With Sterny Blake of a pr. of Winter Boots that I Would raise a heavier Beet from Among the Number I transplanted than he Would out of Same given Number transplanted by himself. The garden — grain — & peas. are all doing Well. Maj. Graham amusing himself in Library — Mill runing on Winslett's Wheat. Bro. Frank down. After Supper I Sprinkled dry ashes on Some 600 Cabbage plants & the beets & transplanted to day thinking it Would do them good. I also tried [the same thing] upon 30 tomato plants. It Was a fine Evening for it Still & the plants all Wet.

[108] June 1868 Friday 26" Blake Setting out Cabbage plants — He has Very Kindly assigned Me a small piece of ground in the garden & I have been Employed in Setting out Cabbage & Tomato plants. [and] Transplanting Beets & Onions. I hav also a few hills of corn. I trust it will all do well. By a Merry party from Missoula I rec'd a Small Mail. No special News — Revdy Johnson Nominated & Confirmd as Minister to Court [of] St. James Surprised Some little. The impeachment Managers Still wrangling in the House headed by Butler & Bingham. Wooley incarcerated in the House by order of Speaker Colfax for contempt. What has become of the free institutions of this once Republican Govt. Mosquitoes Making their appearance.

[109] June 1868 Saturday 27" This is the 50" birth day for the author of this diary. I have spent it in the Garden. Maj. Graham Very Kindly assisting Blake dress his Cabbage. We are short ☞d [handed] & have a large garden to attend to Beside Blake has his hogs Some 100 large & Small to look after. It has cleared off Very Warm after the rain Mr. Talbot the Miller gone below — Mr. Thos Simpson down from Willow Creek. They are Making preparations for a pic Nic for the coming 4" July. A pleasant time is Antici-

pated. Blake's peas look Well in fact his Entire garden is Not behind any in the country. Ice Water Very acceptable. The Ice Keeping Well. From appearances shall Not use the one third of the Amt. put up. . . .

[110] June 1868 Monday 29" Maj Graham & Myself dressing potatoes. Blake & Baker repairing fence old Wife off fishing & gathering Strawberries Mr Talbot retd. Bro Frank down. The garden looks Well. Hens quit laying.

Tuesday 30" Blake quite unwell. Maj. Graham & Myself dressing potatoes. Dr Baker again passed up to See Mr. Chaffin. Lafontaine down. Chatfield butchered a Young Heifer. Nice Beef. Paced off the ground Sowed in peas. Making Nearly or quite Six Acres. They look Well They are thick having Sowed 25 Bu on the 6 acres.

[111] July 1868

X M XIV Wednesday 1st Maj Graham & Myself finishd dressing the potatoes. Chatfield Salted the Beef for Me. Blake Something better. Showers have been passing around us but None broke over this part of the Valley. recd Small Mail. No Special News. Maj Graham & I fixing up the hop vines. Fine growing Weather. Every thing looks Well. Hungry for Eggs.

Thursday 2nd Dr. Baker above with Mr Chaffin who I fear from all accounts is very low. The Pic Nic for the 4" which was to have come off at Willow Creek has been defered — owing to the illness of Mr. Chaffin. Afternoon Cool & Cloudy With appearance of rain. Maj. Graham & Myself dressing the corn — Blake is about again. Hail Storm on the other Side of the river destroyed Gardens

[112] July 1868 Friday 3rd. My old Wife quite unwell — Sterny plowing potatoes quarelled with the old Mare & turned her out in disgust. Maj Graham Chatfield & Myself dressed the Cabbage It has been quite Sultry Most of the day. Another Shower would be very acceptable. Hornerton from the other Side Says that the hail fell day before Yesterday Sise of a Patridge Egg & Was quite deep in the ground. The Storm done considerable damage to the gardens. It passed up through town but Missed us altogether. Dr Baker Still abov With Mr Chaffin He May be able to Sav him. Mill idle for Want of Wheat. Nine Pipes brought a 50 Bu grist of good Wheat yesterday. "No Hen fruit."

[113] July 1868 Saturday 4" A glorious Mning for the glorious 4" the day we celebrate. Bro Frank down. frose a Kettle of Ice cream & remained for dinner. The day passed off quietly. No

guns. No Julips &c Having a great time in the City of N. Y. Trust there will be harmony in the Convention. Every thing depends upon it. Recd Small Mail — No Special News.

Sunday 5" Dr. Baker retd. from above left Mr. Chaffin Convalescent. Much credit is due the Doctor for his long Stay & assiduous attentions to relieve the Suffering Man — The Dr. thinks that With proper Nursing & Care that he Will recover — Trust it May be so — Young Blake Complaining again My old Wife Complaining also — The Dr administered to both invalids —

[114] July 1868 Monday 6" Dr Baker left for Missoula. Not a grasshopper to be Seen. Even scarce for fish Bait — Maj. Graham & Myself reading for amusement. Too Warm to be out of doors.

Tuesday 7" Maj. Graham & Young Blake rode out to 8 Mile Creek Day Very Sultry. Not a breath of air Stiring. My hens have completely Stopd laying. I feed them Well & Know No reason why they should not lay. Unless it is owing to the very warm Weather. Wrote Surveyor Gen. Sol. Meredith on yesterday answering certain questions propounded to Me. Chatfield down & played a game of Crib. Shff. Laribee up from Missoula Stampede at Willow Creek.

[115] July 1868 Wednesday 8" Blake Shutting up the old Sows at the Mill. Maurice retd. from Helena via. Philipsburg. He reports things generaly dull. The latter place quite dead. In fact things look gloomy throughout the length & breadth of the Territory. Unless some New diggins are found I fear We are all Bankrupt. Large Stock of goods have been brot in to the Ter this Season. Where the Money is to come from to pay for them Can't See. There is No Money in the country.[18] Shff. Laribee retd from Willow Creek reports Mr Chaffin doing Well Blake & Mr. Talbott plowing corn & potatoes. Trust we will have rain before the clouds blow over Mill Idle for Want of Wheat A. B. Aull Heelsburg Mendocino Cty. Cal. [Evidently this last is an address written in a convenient blank space.]

[116] July 1868 Thursday 9" Mr Laribee left for Missoula. Blake complaining again. Hen fruit short.

Friday 10" Some 125 Bu Wheat recd at Mill today Maj. Graham gone to 8 Mile Creek Blake Still Complaining. Done Some little

[18] "From 1863 to 1866 were the halcyon days of Missoula county: money was plentiful, produce of all kinds sold at war prices, with the demand exceeding the supply, no taxes or licenses to pay, and our country free from debt." Woody, *opus citra*, p. 104.

Work in the garden. Clouds passing around with Thunder in the distance, Expect to go to Missoula to Morrow to attend regular Meeting of the Lodge. Lafontaine down. Says his Crop promises well. It is with difficulty that My old Wife finds Grasshoppers Sufficient for fish bait. Maurice & his party down & campd. They intend going to 8 Mile Creek to Morrow With a View of prospecting the Gulch.

[117] July 1868. Sunday 12" Retd from Missoula quite tired I went & retd by the high Water trail although parties are fording the Bitter root & Hell Gate river.

Monday 13" Met Maj. Blake & Mr. McCormick in Missoula The place Very dull. Duncan McDonald up from the H. B. Co post. Blake plowing his potatoes. Mill busy Loui Clairmont & Lady Called.

Tuesday 14" Yesterday Blake turned the Water on to his potatoes. A party of strangers here. They are on the prospect. Mill busy on Lafontain Wheat. The afternoon quite Suntry. Little or No breese. The Hens again Showing Some disposition to lay

[118] July 1868 X M X V Wednesday 15" Mill finishd Lafontains Wheat & commenced on Blodget & Plummers. Blake Working in the Garden Maj. Graham amusing himself with Maryatt's Works. No News. Hens Laying.

Thursday 16" Duncan Mc. Donald[16] left this Morning for his post. Jack Slack down from Willow Creek & presented Me a flagon of old Bourbon Which With Tansy (Ice) & Crushd Sugar found a Very palatable decoction. Maj. Graham & Myself Enjoyed it hugely — Judge Hamilton's prospecting party left this Morning for 8 Mile Creek Trust they May Strike Something. Winslett & Houk's pack train left this Morning for Lincoln Gulch.[17] Blake dressing his Beans.

[16] Duncan McDonald, son of Angus McDonald, was born at Fort Connah in 1849. "At the age of 15 went into H B C as trader and remained in that business for 8 yrs. Mined 1 yr. Then joining the Pen d'Oreille Indians went on the warpath with them, accompanied by the military force in the wars against the Bloods and Blackfeet. He remained with them several years after which he returned to the merchantile business, running pack trains and speculating. In 1877 at the request of Captain Mills wrote the history of the Nez Perces. In 1872 Mr McDonald was engaged by the N. P. R. R. Co as interpreter, and for the purpose of keeping the Indians in a peaceful state while the building of the road was in progress." He is deeply interested in Indian culture and an ardent champion of his Indian race. Leeson, *opus citra*, p. 1313.

[17] Lincoln Gulch in Deer Lodge County was discovered in 1865. Warren, *opus citra*, p. 49.

Tomatoes look Well. Strawberries & Cream. "Maj. Graham left for Philipsburg"

[119] July 1868 Friday 17" recd quite a Mail through the Kindness of Mr. Ritz of Walla Walla Who Came up from Missoula to day From him I learn that Seymour of N. Y. & Genl J. B. Blair Were Nominated at the National Convention that Met on the 4 inst in N. Y. City — for the two first positions in the gift of the Am people Good Lord — [I hope] That the ticket May Win. & leave the New fledged Mercury [Grant] & Colfax in the Shade 40 guns — & "powder Scarce" for the Nominations With it The Am [American] Universe Sinks or Swims — & Swim we Will "you bet." Nips[18] Two Doz Eggs for Breakfast. Every one pleased — objections None —

[120] July 1868 Saturday 18" Yesterday Blake plowed his Cabbage. Mill Idle Mr. Talbot washing his Wheat — Evening Sultry — To day the Mill has been runing this P. M.

Sunday 19" Ben. Harris in from 3 Mile Creek. Mr Bass & Lady Called this Mning on their Way over the river. Mr. Frank Kirkman & Miss Jane Harris united by Justice Park in the Holy bonds of Matrimony. Warm for the Honey Moon.

Monday 20" The flee's & Mosquitoes are troublesome to Stock. They do Not disturb us in the Fort. The garden suffering for rain. A Small Worm Cutting the Cabbage badly. Blake turned the Water on his peas Bro. Frank down. Mill runing this P. M.

[121] July 1868 Tuesday 21st Blake quite discouraged about his Cabbage. The complaint is general with all the farmers. A Very Small worm cut's holes through the leaves & then attacks the heart. Blake is trying to Save them by sprinkling lye in them. Crops Want rain. Young Sow in. five pigs. Mill busy on Blodget & Pulmers Wheat. Blake plowd his potatoes. Sultry day. The Clouds all passed over without giving us the Much needed rain Ice Water Very acceptable. My ice is Keeping Very Well. Have made but little impression upon it as yet. Although We have been using it freely Since 1st June & have let the Neighbors have Ice Whenever they have Sent for it. The Snake party Weeding the Garden

[122] July 1868 Wednesday 22nd Mill busy on Blodget & Plumer Wheat. Bro. Frank down. Very Kindly gave us a jar Currant jelly of his own getting up. Found it Very Nice. Two More Young Sows in. One Six the other five pigs. The old White Sow took the Boar. They had quite a frost on Willow Creek some days ago that destroyed the Corn Crops. Andy Cowan down on his way

[18] Owen's writing here shows the effects of "Nips."

to the States The H. B. Co train up for flour. Some Strangers in on a prospecting tour. Have gone to 8 Mile Creek. We Need Some New gold discoveries to bring us out all right. Large crops will be raised providing they secure No back Set. Wheat oats & Barley looks well.

[123] July 1868 Thursday 23rd Last Evening Blake Walked down to Mr Bass's & retd quite disgusted. He Says Every thing they have in their garden is far ahead of him Even their pigs are larger & fatter &c Brought back Small roll of Butter — Blodget & Plumer left to day with 8000 ♯ flour for Some Mining Camp. It has been Exceedingly Warm the Whole day Mr. Talbot took up the Burrs & dressed them. A few More days will let us out until after harvest. Blake treated us to the first dish of New potatoes Nearly as large as a hens Egg. Hennery doing very well

Friday 24" A prospecting party with Frank Tudor arrive They intend prospecting the Bitter root Mts. Mill busy — Water short.

[124] July 1868 Saturday 25" Frank Tudor gave us two hams Mt Sheep Killed over on rock creek. Found it very Nice Mill Shut down Water short. Wrote Gen. F. P. Blair — Hon. J. W. Nesmith. Noon Blowing a perfect gale from the Nth. Geo P. White up from Hell Gate after Beef Cattle. Mess Winslett & Houk having an Auction in town. Selling off the remnant of Stock on hand. Up in town a little While. Things Seemed to be going off at good prices at the auction. Three Months Cr. is given. That May account for things going as they did. Recd letter from an old friend Dr W. T. Edgar Surgeon U. S. A. Stationed at Drum Barracks Wilmington Cal. He speaks in the Most Exalted terms of that country [I] shall try & Visit him this Winter

[125] July 1868 Sunday 26" Wrote Maj. Wm T Edgar Surgeon U. S. A. Stationed at Drum Barracks Wilmington Cal. We hav had quite a pleasant day. Madam Clairmont down to See My old Wife. Sent off Eastern Mail by G. P. White. Came very Near having frost last Night. It was quite cold during the Night. Old Wife gone out after berries.

Monday 27 Water short Mr. Talbot went above to repair dams Frank Tudor & party helping Blake cut hay. Revd Father Rivalli retd after an absence of two Months. Recd Small. [Mail.] No Special News. Mr. Simms from Fren[ch] Town up. The Water increasing in the flume. In all probability their will be sufficient down during the Night for Milling to Morrow.

[126] July 1868 Tuesday 28" Mr. Talbot shipd up this

Mning. With fine head of Water. The grists are all ground up Except a 77 ½ Bu Grist belonging to Mr. Talbot Which he intends runing through to Morrow. Mr. Rogers down.

Wednesday 29" Mr Simms left this Mning after breakfast for Missoula. He is closing up his affairs preparatory to his Starting for America — He Expects to leav Missoula for Fort Benton in a few days & there take the Steamer [advtd?] to leave for St. Louis 10" next Mo. Mr Simms is one of the Early Settlers of Oregon. He is from Maryland. Is a Very Clean Gent. & has a lovely little Wife. They have No Children. He built the first grist Mill that Was built in the Walla Walla Valley. Blake Cutting his Barley raked & cocked Some hay.

[127] July 1868 Thursday 30" Frank Tudor & party left. Mc Donalds party also. Mr. Talbot packing his flour. Experimented on Chips. Capt Erskine a Miner & old friend of Blakes arrved last Evening from Elk C'rk & left this Mning for 8 Mile creek with a View of Examing it & See What fall he can get for a flume. 8 Mile crk is attracting Some attention. Gold is there. We Know.

Friday 31st. Blake & Bro. Frank gone to 8 Mile creek. Mr Talbot ground up the toll Wheat. This afternoon the Water commencd to fail but Mr Talbot Succeeded in getting the Wheat all ground up So We May consider the Mill closed until after harvest. Squires train up from Missoula for flour for Bonner & Welch —

[128] August 1868

Saturday 1st Capt. Erskine in from 8 Mile Creek. Mr. Talbot run out the Bolt. unshipd the Burrs. through off the Belts & closed the Mill. The Mill has ground since Mr Talbot took ch'ge on the 8" June 1855 Bu of Wheat — just about two Weeks Work Work The farmers are very dilatory about bringing their Wheat. Never for a Moment thinking that the Expense is the Same to Me if the Mill run[s] or Not. When I hav a Miller Employed. Mr Ben. Harris in Blake Very Kindly presented him with two large blocks of Ice. He Says he has his old Mother again With him & that she Seems contented & happy — recd quite a Mail. letters from Hon. Jas M. Cavenaugh Thos Adams [and] Cal. Papers from Dr. Edgar. Intend leaving in the Mning for Missoula to Meet with Board County Commissioners.

[129] August 1868 Friday 7" Retd to day from Missoula. Sorry to See the Tomato's — Potatoe's — Squash & other Vines cut down by frost last Night. This can be No country for the farmers Frost 1st Week in August — I regret the loss of the Tomatoes Ex-

ceedingly — Blake & Myself had taken So Much Care of them promising ourselves a fine treat for our labor — But So it is — What Effect [will] this frost have on Grants Election. Would Stand forty Such rather than see him Elected — Yes a Thousand & would Even go better on than that. Better impoverish a Small Community in a Mt. Valley than Bankrupt a once happy & prosperous Country. Think of it You Tax payers. Where does your Money go to. Found My old & Well tried friend Maj. Graham here. My old Wife I am uneasy about

[130] August 1868 Saturday 8" Maj. Graham amusing himself putting the barley up in Cocks. Blake Cutting peas. My old Wife quite unwell. Swelling of her feet & legs Something like dropsy She has been Scarifying them to let the Mater out. Poor Woman I don't Know What to do for her. Bro. Frank down

Sunday 9" Maj. Graham complaining. recd Eastern Mail. To day has been quite warm another prospecting party over from Flint Creek. Church for the White inhabitants at the Mission. We Need rain badly. Farmers coming to harvest their Wheat. Benj Harris in he is busy with his harvest.

"Capt Thos Jordan care Blelode & Co ♯453 Bisom St. N. Y." [another address written in a convenient place]

[131] August 1868 Monday 10" Blake cutting his peas. Another Young Sow in With 3 pigs only. Recd letter from Supt of Ind affairs Maj. Cullen requesting Me to Meet him at Missoula on Friday Next. Will try & do Myself the pleasure.

Tuesday 11 Had a Visit from the Old Chief Victor & had a long talk with him relative to his tribal affairs with the Govt. He has left a Message with Me to carry to Supt. Cullen. He is opposed to leaving the Bitter root Valley & contends that in the treaty with Gov Stevens July /55 this Valley was to be Set aside for the Flathead tribes & that the White Men here have located & Made improvements in defiance of this treaty.

[132] August 1868 Wednesday 12" Blake With the assistance of a Man he hired is cutting peas. Maj. Graham amusing himself in Cocking the Barley.

Saturday 15" X. M.. 16 Retd from Missoula accompanied by Supt. Maj. Cullen. Secty & Acting Gov. Tuffts[19] — Blake Judge Pome-

[19] Green Clay Smith was governor. James Tufts was secretary of Montana Territory from March 28, 1867, to 1869. In the absence of the governor he was acting governor. Johnson, *opus citra*, v. I, p. 291.

roy.[20] & other friends. Had a talk With the Indians — Victor told Maj. Cullin that he was Willing for Me to act for them in Making a treaty With the Govt.

Sunday 16" Maj. Cullen Secty Tuffts & party left for Missoula. They Made but a Short stay here. My impression is that they Will recomend the buying of the improvements here & Make a reservation of it.

[133] August 1868 Monday 17" The hogs are giving us considerable trouble. They Wont Stay home. Bro. Frank down

Tuesday 18" Treading out peas. With Six horses. They are light.

Wednesday 19" Last Night My poor old Wife taken quite Sick & Suffered considerable until Mning When she fell asleep. Poor Woman has suffered all day. I fear her time for this world is short. She has Nearly lost the use of her right arm. Most of the day out of her head. Talks wth difficulty. I am lost to Know what is the Matter with her. Her feet & legs are badly Swollen. Blake & Maj Graham Working on the peas — The afternoon Very Sultry — No one Stiring. [To] Felix flour $4.00 Shirt 4.00 = $8.00 Ball due $8.00

[134] August 1868 Thursday 20" My old Wife More comfortable this Mning — She passed a tolerably Easy Night. Her right Side is partialy paralysed.

Friday 21st My old Wife appears Easy but she is Speechless & helpless poor Woman. The Revd. Father Giorda calld down to see her this Morning. He Very Kindly offerd her Spiritual Consolation. But poor Woman Knows but little about such things.

Saturday 22nd Wrote letter[s] to Gov. Tufts Maj Cullen Capt De Lacy & others. Sent off Mail yesterday for the East. Blake lost one of his Young Sows last Night. Cause Not Known old Wife perfectly helpless.

[135] August 1868 Sunday 23rd Mr. Winslott got up last Night from Lewiston. Mr. Talbot in from 3 Mile Creek. Too Warm to any one to Stir. Old Wife continues the Same — She is Not Suffering but is perfectly helpless. Appetite good. Blake gone over the river. Wrote Judge Strong of Portland Oregon. The ice for the past week has been a real luxury.

Monday 24" Blake hauling in his Barley. Sent Mail off this Mning by Mr Potter. Bro Frank down

Tuesday 25" Blake finishd hauling in his Barley & Peas. Old Wife the Same. Mr Talbot down from Willow Crk Says Mr Elijah

[20] Stone, *opus citra*, p. 272.

Chaffin was taken Sick again. Sent for Dr. Baker last Night. Bro Frank left for Helena.

[136] August 1868 X M 17" Wednesday 26" Last Evening the Mess. Huntly's & a Mr. Trumbull Son of U. S. Senator Trumbull of Ia. arrid bringing the U. S. Mail. So our long look for Mail Service has Commenced. Capt Huntly is the contractor & is just in from W. C. We are to hav tri weekly Mail. Good. See account of Thad. Stevens Death. poor Man he has gone at last. I hav No regrets. Recd letter from A. B. Aull & H. M Nilson from Cal. They write that they are pleased with the country. They are farming. Dr. Baker reached here at 5 O'clk this Morning. He rode all Night. Mr Chaffin having found him at the Jocko Agency — After resting a few Moments he left for Willow Creek. Blake Hauled in his hay. Some 3 tons Timothy — Very Nice — Senator Trumbulls Son is quite young & appears to Enjoy himself hugely. Mess. Baldwin Julian & other prospecters from Stampede.

[137] August 1868 Thursday 27 The party that reached here last Eveing do Not report very favorable of the recent Stampede for the Newly discovd Mines in the Cour De Leon Mts. Many have retd & others have gone below. All disappointed. Dr. Baker Called on his Way to Missoula Says he left Mr. Chaffin all right again. Capt Irskine & Mr McClure retd from a prospecting tour behind the Bitter Root Mts. They hav been gone Nearly a Month & have had a very rough trip Been Cool all day.

Friday 28" Blake butchd a Shoat last Evening — Capt. Irskine & McClure left this Mning for 8 Mile Crk. Frose Cabbage last Night at Bass's ranch. I fear it used up our Tomatoes — although Blake had them covd. No Country for the farmers — Frost in August

[138] August 1868 Saturday 29" Ta[l]bot down from Willow Creek. Engaged him to run My Mill again. Capt. Irskine in.

Sunday 30" X. M. 18 I fear that Most of the plants have gone up. Heavy frosts in August No place for farming. Wrote H. M. Nilson & A. B. Aull Col Thomas L Irwine — Revd. Fathers Rivalli & Gazalli[21] called. Sent by the latter My Mail for East.

Monday 31st Blake & Maj. Graham putting some hay up in Cock. Capt. Irskine left for 8 Mile Creek. He & Mr McClure intend prospecting higher up on the Creek than any has done. There is gold in the Creek but its Scource has Not Yet been discovd. Success attend them.

[21] Probably Father G. Gazzoli, who was a missionary at St. Ignatius. Palladino, *opus citra* (1894), p. 163.

[139] September 1868

Tuesday 1st The Revd. Father Rivalli down last Evening & Very Kindly left Some Medicine for My old Wife. Gathering Timothy Seed.

Wednesday 2nd Maj. Graham & Mr. Baldwin left for 8 Mile Creek. They intend Examing the foot hills. Howerton hauling lumber for Me from Saw Mill. Mr. Talbot passed down En route for Fren[ch] Town. Blake gathering Onion Sets.

Thursday 3rd Mr. Talbot Says that the Wheat Crop is Seriously damaged by the frost. We Never had a better prospect up to the time of the frost last Month — Too Bad — The Crop will fall far Short of the No. of Bus Expected & will be inferior in quality As frost[ed] Wheat Will Not Make good flour. Set Keg Vinegar

[140] September 1868 Friday 4" Howerton Hauled from Mill 1541 feet 1 in boards Wrote Master Jas Barry Adams. Capt. Irskine overhauling the flume. Wade & Cowan down from Burnt fork Says that the Crop on the Creek is fine & was Not injured by the frost. In fact they say they have had No frost. Blustery day. recd Mail.

Saturday 5" Working on flume. Frank Tudor & party retd from their prospecting tour They have been gone over a Month. They found No Gold.

Sunday 6" Maj Graham & Mr Baldwin retd.

Monday 7" "X. M. #19" A double force Working on flume. Mr Mc Clure Started out on another prospecting tour. Gone South & Will be absent over a Month

[141] September 1868 Tuesday 8" Finished the flume & turned Some Water through it. The Capt. has Made a good job of it. Rode down passt Parker's & Freeman's — The Wheat Shocks Stand very thick on the ground.

Wednesday 9" Last Evening the Revd Fathers Rivalli & Bandini Called. My old Wife No better. Proud to see the Enthusiastic reception that Senator Doolittle recd by [from] his constituents at Milwaukee Wis. after his return from 40" Con[gress]. They have Shown unmistakeable approval of his course in the Senate during the trying times of the session. Hon S. S. Marshall's Speech on the funding Bill delivd in H. Rep. July 31st an able dsc. [discourse] & exposi[tion] of the financial question & System of Taxation. Every one should read it. The Tax question the Radicals are Mute about. Braced the flume

[142] September 1868 Thursday 10" Blake went above Yes-

terday to repair the dams. Frank Tudor's party left Same time. The flume is thorough braced & the Water Wheel tightened up. Mr Ta[l]bert came down Yesterday afternoon & took chge of the Mill this Mning at $125.00 pr Mo. & board. Fine head of Water this Mning. Startd the Machinery Recd Summons from W. M. Missoula N. D.

Friday 11" Wedgd the inside gudgeon in Main shaft & Started up the Mill. quite a Number of Ind grists brought in Some 100 Bu's The Wheat is badly frosted Engagd Capt Irskine at $5.00 pr day to do Some Carpenters work. The Main Wheel Wants New lining put in — The Cogs are to be got out for the Master Wheel. &c

[143] September 1868 Saturday 12" Left this Mning in Company With Mess Simpson & Robertson for Missoula. Mill busy in Ind Grists up to Noon the time of My leaving —

Sunday 13" retd from Missoula Capt. Fittstubbs & a friend of his rode With Me as far as [————?] Freemans Met Sterny Blake & Maj Graham En route for Jocko Agency —

Monday 14" Mill Busy on Ind grists. Capt Erskine working in old Mill fixing floor &c old Wife about the Same poor Woman — "Oat Meal & Wheat Bran the best Milk producers. Preferable to corn Meal for Cows giving Milk." Bro Frank retd from Helena on Saturday last.

[144] Tuesday 15" Third Anniversary of the Starting of Fort Owen Mill. Mill busy on In'd Wheat with fine head of Water. Issued a flagon of Grog to all hands — My poor old Wife No better. Poor Woman I am trying to Make her Comfortable it's all I can do. Last Night I gave her a few Grains Morphine to quiet her. It had the desird effect.

Wednesday 16" Mill busy on Ind. Wheat. They intend leaving for Buffalo So Soon as they get their Wheat ground. Geo. White passed up. Capt. Erskine fixing floor in old Mill Mill Worked up all the Wheat that Was in. A Doct. Price & family arrid. Another Acquisition to Bitter root Society

[145] September 1868 Thursday 17" Capt Erskine getting out lining for Main Water Wheel. Mr Winslott & Dr. Price passed En route for 3 Mile Creek. Some few Ind. grists brought in. Fine head of Water. Madam Lomprey called to see My poor old Wife. They are old friends. Had a long old fashioned Chat in pure Shoshonee. A pleasant dialect To listen to — provide you understand it Well.

Friday 18" Mess White & McCarty passed the Night With Me

& left this Mning for Missoula Mill out of Wheat. Ground Some 500 Bu for Indians. They will soon start for Buffalo. The farmers will wait for the threshing Machine Which will Not be here for Some Six Weeks Yet.

[146] September 1868 Saturday 19" Mr Talbert ground up all the Wheat that was in & Went up to Willow Creek Recd Some Express freight by Mail Wagon from Missoula

Sunday 20" The hens hav Stoptd laying Found No Eggs for a Week. Mr Benj. Harris in from 3 Mile Creek & presented Me With a fine large Squash.

Monday 21st Mr. Talbert took up the Burrs & after dinner commencd dressing runer A Man dropd in who is a Miller & he turnd in & will assist Mr Talburt in giving both Stones a good face & deepen the furrows &c Old Wife Not So Well.

[147] September 1868 Tuesday 22nd Rcd letter from Surveyor Gen. Sol Meridith 15" The papers apertaining to My Donation of Land under act of Congress [passed in] /50 had been recd at his office in Helena. I had deposited them With the Com'r of U. S. Land office in W. C. Spring /64. They hav been found as agreed upon. Mr Talbert has two assistants on the Mill Burr to day. Some few In'd grists recd & flour given in Exchge. Indians leaving for Buffaloe.

Wednesday 23rd Burrs dressd & down by Noon. Capt. Erskine calking the flume. Revd. Father Rivalli down to Set a Sewing Machine just recd [this] mning. It is for Making flour Sacks. He did Not Succeed in getting it to Work Well. Ice on the flume all day. Nearly Cold Sterny Blake & Maj Graham retd

[148] September 1868 Thursday 24" My old Wife passed a Miserable Night — poor Woman Put the lining in over Shot Wheel. Bro. Frank down & took a turn at Sewing Machine. recd East Mail. 12 o'clk M. My poor old Wife unconscious. She is Not suffering but breathing hard & perspiring on her Forehead. She continued in this unconscious state until 3 p.m. when she quietly & peaceably relinquished all that Was Mortal. Her Snake friends were with [her] & had been With her all the Mning. Poor Woman She is No More

[149] September 1868 Friday 25" Bright — Still. lovely — day. [Nothing else written.]

[150] September 1868 Saturday 26" Ground out some Ind. grists — Fine head of Water — Mr. Talbert Shut down after Noon & left for Missoula Flume tight

Sunday 27″ No one Stiring. Maj. Graham left for Philipsburg. Blake Yesterday gatherd his hops. Sage. and Garden Seed.

Monday 28″ Mill busy on Ind grists with fine head of Water — The thrashing Machine in the Valley & at Work below here. Cold. Young Blake Experimentng with Swg Machine Needles

[151] September 1868 Wednesday 30″ Last day of the Month

[152] October 1868

Sunday 4″ This diary has for Sundry reason been Neglected for the past few days. Col. W. L. Irwine from Deer Lodge. Walked up & Set an hour with Bro Frank

Monday 5″ Mill Idle Mr Talburt above. Capt Erskine putting up Some lining in the Mill Col Irwine left for Deer Lod[g]e & a Mr Kane arrid from the Jocko Agency. With letter from our Newly inaugurated Ind Agent Capt McCauley[22] requesting My presence there on Thursday 8″ inst With the Flathead Inds as he intends on that day issuing them some annuities. Blake has been digging his potatoes pulling Onions &c for the past few days. Sold Col Irwine 10000 ♯ flour for the Highland Gold Company.

[153] October 1868 Wednesday 6″ Mill busy Mr McDonald & party from Colville.

Wednesday 7″ Spent a very pleasant Eving With Mr McDonald & Daughter. Maj. Graham gav us a few Choice Songs. Doctor Davies retd Early feeling fatigd from his ride. Victor left this Mning for the Jocko to be present to Morrow when the Annuities are distrbtd Mc Donald "Non est potent" Mill Winding up toll Wheat. Water good. Capt Erskine fixig root house Mr McDonald & Daughter gone up to Mission. Everything quiet —

[154] October 1868 Thursday 8″ Had a Very pleasant time With Mr Mc Donald. Daughter & Dr. Davis. Bro Frank down & Sat a while

Friday 9″ Mr Mc Donald has lost one of his horse. I fear it has been Stolen. They have been hunting for him all day.

Saturday 10″ Left in Company With Mr Mc Donald Daughter & party for Missoula.

[155] October 1868 Friday 16″ retd from Missoula accompanied by Sterny Blake. Found Every thing quiet at the Fort & the hogs improving on good feed

Saturday 17″ Mill quiet Mr Talbert off on a service [?] for

[22] M. M. McCauley was appointed Flathead agent July 25, 1868, and was suspended the next year. In 1870 he was appointed agent for the Blackfeet and removed soon after. Johnson, *opus citra*, pp. 290, 291.

Wagon road to Missoula on right bank of the Bitter root river. Blake runing the Sewing Machine

Sunday 17 Mr Winslett. Lafontain — Robertson Spencer [?] & others down. Parties in from Bannac for flour.

Monday 19" Wheat coming in Briskly. Mill runing charmingly All hands hard at Work & hope will be for the Next two Months.

[156] October 1868 Tuesday 20" Wheat coming in freely. Blake having his Potatoes put in root house. Judge Mayhew of Deer Lodge arrivd. He is a Lawyer of Some Considerable renoun. Has been Speaker of the House of Representative for the Territory of Montana for two or More Legislatures.

Wednesday 21" Wheat coming in freely. Mill busy & runing charmingly had Eastern Mail. Maj Graham & Judge Mayhew amusing themselves in Library.

Thursday 22" Wheat coming in freely. Mill runing charmingly

Friday 23 Judge Mayhew shooting Bagd a few. Brace Grouse. Mill busy on Wheat for Winslett.

[157] October 1868 Saturday 24 rode to Missoula to attend call from W. M. □. [Here Owen has again drawn a square, to indicate the Masonic Lodge.]

Sunday 25" retd from Missoula Judge Mayhew still here amusing himself reading & Shooting

Monday 26" Mr. Talbert dressing Burrs. Started up after dinner. Mill crowded.

Tuesday 27 Mill runing finely Wheat coming in freely. Col Irwines Wagon reached here for flour for the Highland Gold Company.

Wednesday 28" Wheat coming in freely. Judge Mayhew left for Deer Lodge via Burnt fork & Philipsburg. He is a glorious fellow.

[158] October 1868 Thursday 29" Mr. Nic Connelly of Gold Creek called. Mill run last Night until Midnight. Wheat coming in freely Mill doing good Work. "Wrote A. B. Aull Windsor — Sonora County Cal."

Friday 30" Mill busy till after Midnight. Loaded Col Irwine[s] team[s] with 15000 lbs flour & Some 2000 lb Vegetables. raised by Mr Blake

Saturday 31 The Highland Teams left to day with 17000 ♯ freight for the Highland Gold Company Maj. L. L. Blake up from Missoula Sold another lot of 10000 ♯ flour for Bannac.

[159] November 1868

Sunday 1st Maj. Blake & Capt. Erskine out Shooting Bagd Sev-

eral brace grouse. The birds are late this fall in coming down. Had a badger fight.

Monday 2nd Wheat coming in freely Working on last Bannac Contract. Had a Nice chicken Stew for Breakfast

Tuesday 3rd. Dr Price down Maj. Blake left for Missoula Mill crowded Wheat coming in freely. Up in town No one Stiring — dull This day decides the fate of the Union. Trust that Seymour & Blair have been Elected Shall be uneasy until I hear the result There Must be a political change or We are hopelessly gone —

[160] November 1868 Wednesday 4" Mill crowded. Run 'till Midnight last Night Wheat coming freely Loaded the teams from Bannac [with] 10000 ♯ flour

Thursday 5" Some 200 Bu. Wht recd to day. Mill runing charmingly. Wrote Walter Johnson Deer Lodge. Yesterday Blake With the asst of Bob Nelson [————————?] Sows — Mill crowded — doing good Work 100 Bu grist [from] Hank Cone — Talbert out of sorts — Cross graind. Will throw up the Sponge — reconciled him — Said to him — run the Mill to suit yourself. & We Will try to be happy — Many annoying things — Settling to day & paying parties. I Bot Wheat of — Maj. Graham busy with Lingard Capt. Erskine Working Cogs — Sterny Not in a Very good humor — So it jogs.

[161] November 1868 Friday 6" Mill run late on a grist for H. M. Cone Wheat coming in freely. Capt. Erskine Not Well. recd letter from H. M. Nilson Cal. Wrote Hon Jas M. Cavenaugh

Saturday 7" Mill runing on Wheat for Bass. This Evening Mr Talbert took up the Burrs. Mr. Jacoby a Miller from Missoula up It is My intention to put on a double Set of hands & run Mill Night & day

Sunday 8" Considerable Ice Made abot the Mill. one Joint of flume carried off. Mill too Much Crowded to call off for the Sabbath — Dressing the Burrs replaced the flume & Burrs Families hungry for flour.

[162] November 1868 Monday 9" Water failing. Mr. Jacoby on With Mr. Talbot to day. No rest for the Mill Now So long as We have Water. Trust that this is only a cold Spell for a Week or so. We run last Year until 3rd Jany. Blake hired another Man to day Capt Erskine Still on the Cogs It is a Very Nice & tedious Job. It is My intention to refill the Master Wheel this Winter. Quite a large pkge rcd for the P. M. at Fort Owen [containing] Stampd Envelopes and News Paper Wrappers & Letter Stamps to

the amt of $33.00 But No Mail Key has been recd yet. Have Written our Delegate Hon. Jas M Cavenaugh relative to [it]

[163] November 1868 Tuesday 10" Mill Shut down a little before day break. Parties are uneasy about their Winter flour.

Wednesday 11" Fine head of Water. Mill started up yesterday about Noon & run all Night. Shall run Every Moment We can. Mill Crowded & parties anxious about their Winter flour.

Thursday 12" Mill busy & crowded

Tuesday 17" Another gap in the Diary. Last Night frose up tight and fast Farmers uneasy for their Winter flour — Mr Talbert is doing his best to start the Mill this Evening. Hope he May succed

[164] November 1868 Wednesday 18" Mill frose up. Cutting ice out of flume Started up 2 o'clk P. M. & shut down 10 cl'k P. M. I trust We Will yet have some soft weather.

Thursday 19" Winter — Winter all around. Mail Key[s] recd to day for Fort Owen P. O. "Saddened" With the News of the Presidential Election Seymour & Blair "defeated" Will Submit quietly — The fiat has gone forth. Shall hope for the best. I think Myself that it Was a political Calamity that Pendleton Ohios favorite son & Champion as Well as great political Exponent had Not been put in Nomination on the 4" day of July last by acclamation —

[165] November 1868 Thursday 20" "Friday" Frose Very hard last Night Things look gloomy — A Mr. Darrow Arrivd last Night from Salmon river in quest of flour. Turned the Water out of the flume. Water had got into the pit & Wheat Elevators Shall hope for another open spell — In fact I cant think that this freese will last. Mr. C. T. Darrow left after breakfast. He is from Penn, & is interested in Mining in Salmon — Building Hog Pens.

Saturday 21st X♯21 M. Building Hog Pens & hauling logs Wrote Genl Phil Sheridan U. S. A. Mill Tight & fast. U. S. Mail up. recd letter from My Nephew Horace dated Helena. No special News. The aquatic fowl hangs high.

[166] November 22nd X M. 22 Wrote Maj Blake & the Hon. J. M. Cavenaugh regarding our Mail Service. Mr. Talbert gone above Visiting. The first U. S. Mail Made up at Fort Owen.

Monday 23rd It is Winter truly. Wether it will last or Not Can't Say. But I hav Never Seen So hard a freese in Nov. before Revd Father Rivalli down & bot Me a Nice flagon of his own preparation. "Snugens." Up in town & Settled My a/c With Mr. Winslett leaving a Ball of $30.00 in My favor The frost on the tall grass this Mning

PLATE XXIII

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MISSION FURNITURE

The desk, chair, Mission seal and candlestick mold of Father Ravalli. He was an artist, a blacksmith, a mechanic, a physician and a carpenter as well as a missionary, and made these things himself. They still remain in his little office or living room at St. Mary's Mission, where they were photographed for these volumes in September of 1924. The seat of the chair is a piece of deer skin.

Owen was a frequent visitor here.

had the appearance of a fall of Snow during the the Night. Working on hog pens Watson Cutting Logs. Old Joe left —

[167] November 1868 Tuesday 24" The Moon passed into her 2nd ¼ last Night. Jno W. Powell of Deer Lodge & Shff Pelky arrid.

Wednesday 25 Mr. Powell & self walked up to Lomprey & [six words are here so scrawled as to be undecipherable.]

[168] December 1868

Tuesday 1st turned the Water in & Sipd [shipped]up but unfortunately broke some Cogs out of the Master Wheel.

Wednesday 2nd Capt Erskin & Mr Talbert busy with all hand replacing the cogs that broke yesterday. Shipd up at Noon when two of the New cogs gave way. We trust to have the Mill running in a day or two. Mill crowded with Wheat & flour is scarce in the Valley.

Thursday 3rd Worked all Night on Master Wheel & am Still at Work on it. Find it is not true & We are [in] hopes to fix it. Judge Pomeroy & Mr Powell up

[169] December 1868 Friday 4" Capt. Erskine & Myself Worked on the Main or Master Wheel "I holding the Candle" until 4 O'clock this Morning When the Water Was turned on & Every thing Moved Most charmingly. Mr. Powell off hunting a Chicken.

Saturday 5" Mill run all last Night & has been busy all day. Judge Pomeroy left for Missoula. recd East Mail — Letter from Maj. L. L. Blake. Mr Powell Depty U. S. Marshall rtd with a prisoner who he arrestd for selling liquor to Indians. He has Embarked in a Noble & glorious cause.

[170] Sunday 6" Mill closed down last Night. Depty U. S. Marshall Powell left this Morning for Missoula With his prisoner.

Monday 7" Every thing frose up tight & fast. Working on hog pens Capt Erskine Sick Confined to his room. Blake Shutting up hogs in the New pens.

Tuesday 8" Was up to the Mission last Eving & sit awhile With the Revd Fathers Capt Erskine Still complaining recd Mail — Shutting up hogs & fixing pens — 4 o'clck P. M. Every appearance of another break up Cloudy & Moderating fast Mid Night cleared off Cold & freesing. We still hope for a thaw.

[171] December 1868 Wednesday 9" X. M. 23 Wrote Maj. Blake Col. W. F. Sanders & others Which letters Went off by yesterdays Mail. Shutting up hogs The latter part of the day quite pleasant. Capt. Erskine Still on the retired list.

Thursday 10" recd Mail Wrote Hon Jas M. Cavenaugh & Judge Mayhew. Capt Still on the retired list. Walked up to the Mission & the Revd Father Rivalli walked home with [me] Recd letter from My Nephew Written at Helena Says he is going East. Mission Wagon broke down.

[172] December 1868 Friday 11" Mr. Talbert dressing the burrs hoping to hav another Run. Blake finishing up his hog pens & dividing the hogs We have had a very pleasant day — Capt. Erskine still on Sick report. Pens cleaned out & the hogs beded Hogs doing well. Hauled up load of Straw.

Saturday 12" Walked up to Mission Hauled two loads of Wood. Fixed Lamp

Sunday 13" No one Stirring Sitting around the fire & reading Was the occupation of all. Many Speculations as to who Will compose Grants Cabinet. Mr. Talbert gone to Missoula.

[173] December 1868 Monday 14" Blake having a Well Sunk in hog lot. Parties arriving in to Winter. There will be quite a Number of strangers wintering here Riot in Mess hall. The Princess With the assistance of her Bros Soon quietd it. Maj Graham [—— —— ————?] amusing himself with Waverly.

Tuesday 15" Blake turnd the Water in flume Hope the thaw May continue & give us another run of the Mill. Mr. Talbert retd from Missoula.

Wednesday 16" Mr. Talbert Shipd up last Night & run through 100 Bu. Wheat. Barly & Peas for hog feed. To day runing on Wheat with light head of Water — Wheat coming in.

[174] December 1868 Thursday 17" Mill ran all last Night & all to day Without any intermission. The Water is rather light. Hope it May increasse Sent above to See if any was Wasting. Mill crowded & Wheat coming in freely Got out My Winter flour.

Friday 18" Mill run all Night & Water Still light. Mr. Talbert Not in a Very good humor last Night Mill run all day Without any [stop?] Doing good Work for the head of Water.

Saturday 19" Mill run all Night. Water Still light. Wheat coming in freely.

[175] December 1868 Sunday 20" The Water Keeps about the Same rather light for good Work. rode up to Chateau De La Fontaine & from the generous [heart?] I bot 200 Bu Wheat. Called upon Dr. Price on My return & joined the family in a good dinner Mill runing all day

Monday 21st The Water Keeps about the Same. Mill crowded

Dr. Baker & Ind. agt. Mc Cauley passed the Night With Me Amused ourselves with games Wist Crib

[176] December 1868 Tuesday 22nd Mill busy Water light — Dr. Baker [and] Agent Mc Cauley left this mning No one Stirring Gloomy Day — Not cold

Wednesday 23" Mill Shut down the Water too light.

Friday 25" Left for Missoula.

[177] March 1869

Sunday 21st Retd last Eveing from Missoula where I have been staying Since Christmas. The Snow is all off the plain in the vicinity — while at Missoula they were still sleighing. The Winter has been unusually Mild. The Bitter root river has Not been frosen over all winter so that horses could cross on the ice. Duncan Mc Donald Son of an Old Friend rode up with Me for the purpose of Making a trade With the Inds for furs &c

Monday 22nd rode up to Willow Creek & Spent the Night With Mr Slack & family — Found the road dusty above. The farmers now plowing & sowing grain. Large crops will be put in this Spring. Called to See Mr. Talbert. Tried to Secure his Services as Miller to grind up what Wheat there is

[178] March 1869 Tuesday 23rd. Retd from My ride to Willow Creek. All quiet Had a Visit from the old Chief Victor

Wednesday 24" The Indians are coming in from Buff. Another Visit from Victor gave him a bag of flour.

Thursday 25 Geo White up assessing Teams Moving down loaded for the Mines. Some Wheat coming in

Friday 26" Mr White left on his duties as assessor. Blustery day. Mr. Talbert down. Settld a/cs With him. Have Not determined whether I will run the Mill this spring or Not. I certainly will Not grind for toll.

[179] March 1869 Saturday 27" recd Eastern Mail the first for some two months.

Sunday 28" All quiet.

Tuesday 30 recd quite an Eastern Mail. Hear With regret the Death of Ex. Pres. A. Johnson. I wish he could have survived the terrible ordel he has just passed through longer. I think History will yet endorse him. Letters from W. C. X. M. Blake & McC. George White retd.

Wednesday 31st. The Inds are Still coming in from Buffalo. The Chief Ambrose Called Had just retd Says they have Made a poor hunt & return With their horses broken down

[180] April 1869

X. M. ♯6 Thursday 1st Large Eastern Mail dates 5 ult. The telegram recd by last Mail announcing death of Ex Pres Johnson is contradicted. He after 24 hrs serious Illness recovd & is all right again. Happy to hear it. Many Years of health & happiness I hope are in Store for him.

Friday 2nd Mr Allen With large band young Stock passed for the Mines. Mc Donald; party left for hom. Terrific gale this afternoon. Capt Erskine retd from Missoula. Sent down by Chatfield a large Eastern Mail.

Saturday 3rd recd Eastern Mail. No Special News The Kootenay & Moose Creek Mines are a fizzle. So says Missoula correspondent. Things look gloomy for the Territory.

[181] April 1869 Sunday 4" quite a good Many people Moving around it being Sunday Ground dry Needs rain.

Monday 5" Cleaning up office & Library. Had a visit from Revd Father Giorda. Our Land Claims conflict —

Tuesday 6" Families passing En route for the Mines with Stock &c recd quite an Eastern Mail dates 17 ult. The N. P. R. R. is free from Snow at last & in good working order.

Wednesday 7" Maj Graham & Myself Walked up to the Mission last Evening & Called upon the Revd. Father Giorda. Parties Still passing En route for the Mines.

[182] April 1869 Thursday 8" Blake & I Walked up to See Dr Price & Mr. Jno Robertson. recd. quite a large Eastern Mail — Geo. White assessor up.

Friday 9" Last Evening Walkd down as far as Squire Parkers Met a Mrs. [Gash?] a Widow Lady who has bought Squire Parkers place & intends becoming one of our settlers — she has two sons who will work the place for her. The Croton acqueduct is 40 ½ miles long.

Monday 12" retd last Evening from a trip to Missoula. Mr. Mc Clure in from the White Cloud on his way up the Valley to Examine a place he found gold in last fall. He is an indefatigable prospector & deserves to be successful. Found Missoula very dull.

[183] April 1869 X. M. ♯VII Tuesday 13" Mr McClure left this Mning alone with three Months provisions for his prospecting trip. Luck attend him. Recd Mail — Team up from Missoula. With Groceries Bot. from Bro. Frank

Wednesday 14" Shipd off Bacon. Brannard over from Philipsburg. Letter from Mr. Waterbury. The Noble Island of Cuba

which there is much fillibustering about is over 600 miles in length & some 100 Miles in width. Total area some 33,000 square miles Has one of the finest harbors in the World capable of accomadating 1000 of the largest ships. It commands both inlets to the Gulf of Mexico. The principal ports are Havana, Montangas — Trinidad & St Qago de Cuba. My old dog Bull — Deaf — Nearly blind & quite infirm He was 15 yrs old 28″ day last Feby.

[184] April 1869 Monday 26″ Retd last Evening from Missoula in company With Ind agt McCauley Who left after dinner for Missoula He Made but a short stay. recd Photograph & letter from My old friend Lt. Genl. Phil H. Sheridan U. S. A. Now in command Mo Division Hd Quarters Chicago. Ills Revd Father Rivalli called on his Way to Mission St Mary.

Tuesday 27″ Capt. Mc Cauley left last Eving for Missoula Visit from Revd Father Rivalli — Settd a/c with Lin Mat[?]. recd Eastern Mail. Afflicted with piles. Maj. Blake aptd Ind agt for Blkfeet. recd Photograph Maj Blake & Capt Jno Mason Brown. Water very low Ground dry & dusty crops require rain. Wrote Gen. Sheridan & Col. Myers.

[185] April 1869 Wednesday 28″ Had a Visit from Ambrose the chief. Blake over the river Farmers busy putting in their crops They all complain of the drought Two cows in with young calves. Will Make our own butter after this

Thursday 29 X. M. VIII recd East Mail dates 12 inst. Grant has called Extra Session of Senate. No Special News. Brindle heifer came in to day Which gives us three fresh Milch Cows Wrote Gen Sheridan & other Eastern friends recd letter from Jas Stuart[23] Strongly opposing the renomination of Hon Jas M Cavenaugh for Congress. My old friend Gen Alfred Pleasanton formerly of the U. S. A. aptd Collector U. S. Int. Revenue for 4 dist city of New York. Grant looks out for his friends & old Chums of West Point Academy.

Friday 30 Blake gone to Missoula. Revd Father Rivalli & Van Goff[24] called & Sit awhile

[23] At this time James Stuart was general manager and superintendent of the St. Louis and Montana Mining Company's silver mines at Philipsburg. In 1870 William H. Claggett defeated Cavanaugh for the nomination and was elected, and James Stuart was made post trader at Fort Browning. Granville Stuart, *Life of James Stuart*, in Montana Historical Society *Contributions*, v. I, p. 52.

[24] Father L. Van Goff had been at Ft. Colville then at St. Peter's among the Blackfeet, and was sent to Helena about 1868. He officiated at the mass for Thomas F. Meagher at the time of his death. He died a few years ago. Statement of Father Palladino.

[186] May 1869

Saturday 1st Dem. Precint Meeting in town yesterday to aptt delegates to County Convention to Meet Next Saturday in Missoula.

Sunday 2nd Never Saw the Water So low at this time of the Year before. Mr. Ben Harris in. Has a fine crop in but like all the rest is suffering for rain. Had a visit from Mr Robertson. Blake retd Brought small Eastern Mail. Reports large fire in Helena.[25] I see the Term of office act that passed the Senate & House in a Modified form has recd the signature of the Prest. There Was Some doubts Entertained of Pres. Grant Signing any Bill that Was Not an unequivocal repeal. On the law as it now stands there are two or More opinions as regards its literal Meaning.

Monday 3rd Lafontaine down. Princess gave us a fine Duff for Dinner. 1st [class?] Ch[ewing?]

[187] May 1869 Tuesday 4" Last Evening Maj Graham & Myself Walked up to the Mission & sat awhile with the Revd Fathers. They always seem pleased to see us. Wrote Hon. Com'r Ind. Affrs. Gen. Sheridan & Maj Howland. Dr. Edgar & others. Day Dry & the Sun hot. recd a paper Mail No letters. Papers give an account of the late fire in Helena Loss over ½ Million. The Revd Father called & remaind to dinner.

Wednesday 5" Sent Bro Frank's horses to him by My old Herder Sirgan. Notwithstanding the Nomination of Jas. M. Ashley[26] for Gov. of Montana Met with a Strong apposition in the Senate. he was confirmed on Friday Nights Executive Session 9" ult. Henry D Washburn[27] confirmd in afternoon Session Surveyor Gen. Montana

Thursday 6" Hope We May Not hav a dry Summer like the one

[25] This fire occurred April 28, 1869. It originated in a Chinese gambling house and resulted in a loss of $20,000 according to Leeson, *opus citra*, p. 712, quoting from the Helena *Gazette* of Nov. 9, 1869.

[26] General James M. Ashley was a particular friend of Senator Sumner, and had been a radical on problems of reconstruction. For this reason he was opposed by the Democrats and the conservatives. A year later, when Sumner and Grant quarreled, Ashley was summarily dismissed. Charles S. Ashley, *Governor Ashley's Biography and Messages*, in Montana Historical Society *Contributions* (Helena, 1907), v. VI, pp. 143-190, especially pp. 191, 193, 194.

[27] Henry D. Washburn was a brigadier general in the United States army in 1864, and breveted major general in 1865. He was elected to Congress in 1864 and again in 1866. After his retirement in 1869 he came to Montana as surveyor general. He led an expedition into the Yellowstone and climbed Mt. Washburn. The hardships of this trip caused his death in 1871. N. P. Langford, note in David E. Folson, The *Folson-Cook Exploration of the Upper Yellowstone in the year* 1869, in Montana Historical Society *Contributions*, v. V, p. 350.

of 55 If so we will have Neither crops nor grass. Revd Father Rivalli to dinner. Paper Mail Eastern date 15 inst

[188] May 1867 [9]

X. M. IX Friday 7" Yesterday afternoon had a Visit from County Comm. Simpson. He was returning from a Meeting of the board & called & Sit Some hlf hr or longer. He lives on Willow Creek. Wrote Mr. Thos. W. Ackley. My old Dog Bull Not Well.

Tuesday 11" Retd from Missoula The ground is very dry & the crops Suffering.

Wednesday 12" Walked down to the river & up to the Mission to get Some Medicine for My cold. Revd Father Rivalli had gone to Missoula.

Thursday 13" Wrote Gen Harvey Revd Father Giorda Called. Started up Mill Dr Price Called Recd Eastern Mail. No rain. East dates 23rd ult. Commenced using "Ice."

[189] May 1867 [9] Friday 14" Blake gone down with Mail — Chatfield remaining to run the Mill. Busy all day — Burrs dull. Dr. Glick from Helena 24 ½ Plugs.

Saturday 15" Walked up to the Mission in company with Dr. Glick & Sat awhile with Rev. Father Giorda Dr. Glick left for Missoula. recd East Mail. one letter from Mc Cormick W. C. out just two Months. It Must have been straying around the Circle somewhere It was dated Mar 16 & Post Marked Same date franked by Ben Louis M. C. from Mo. Letter from Col. W. L. Irwine.

Sunday 16" Louis Clairmont down from Mouth of Canyon Say they are suffering for rain — All hands are irrigating that can get water. Had a Visit from Ambrose. Gave Him Some Tobacco & flour He was hungry for both.

[190] May 1869 Monday 17" Mill crowded. Burrs very Dull. Yet No rain.

Tuesday 18" Mill Busy Recd East. Mail. Mr. Windes Up.

Wednesday 19" Mill idle for Want of Water. Blake off riding.

Friday 21" retd from above where I have been looking after Water. Every one crying out for rain. Lafontaine has been irrigating his ground over a week Never Saw the Creek so low at his place at this time of the year. Still No rain.

Saturday 22nd Took up the Burrs after dinner. The Master Wheel will require refilling. Recd East Mail dated 4" inst Letters from Hon. Geo. Gibbs & W. B. Ogden[28] of the N. P. R. R.

[28] For Gibbs and W. B. Ogden see Eugene V. Smalley, *History of the Northern Pacific Railroad* (New York, 1883), pp. 144, 138-158.

[191] May 1869 Sunday 23rd Wrote Hon. Geo Gibbs.

Monday 24" Chatfield dressing the Burrs & Mr. Windes overhauling cogs in the Master Wheel. Old bull better.

Tuesday 25" Recd Mail. Saw the First Issue New Postage Stamps. Very handsomely got up. Wrote Hon. Geo. Gibbs recd letter from Hon. Jas. M. Cavenaugh. He Write Me from Helena 17" inst that he feels sure of his renomination for Congress. I hope it may be so. Dressing Mill Burrs. Making plenty of Butter.

[192] May 1869 Wednesday 26" Wrote Gen. F. T. Dent U. S. A. Windes & Chatfield Still Working on Mill Burrs. The Princess gave us a Nice Duff for dinner

Thursday 27" Wrote Geo Gibbs & Maj. Mix Still Working on Mill Burrs. No Mail to day.

Friday 28" Finished dressing the Burrs. Some Wheat coming in.

Saturday 29" Put the Burrs down & shipd up — broks some cogs out of Master Wheel — shut down to repair. Concluded to refill the Master Wheel & put in a New upright shaft. Letter from Maj Blake 7" inst.

Sunday 30" Wrote Gen Sheridan. "Churned"

Monday 31" Mr. Windes over the river for Cog timber.

[193] June 1869

X M ♯XI Tuesday 1st The Inds leaving for their Spring Buff hunt. The old chief Victor has gone & My old Snake herder Siorgan. They left on Yesterday. Poor Nomadic customs it Keeps them pretty busy these times to get sufficient to Eat. They have gathered their crop of Bitter root & put it away. They will fall back upon that when they return to cut their Wheat harvest. Mr. Todd[29] of Deer Lodge arrivd last Evening. Blake & Mr Todd gone above Mr Todd is Canvassing the county for the Deer Lodge Indpt. He is one of the proprietors of the paper. I have agreed to pay Mr. Windes $400.00 to refill Main driving Wheel & put in a New upright Shaft. Work guaranteed.

Wednesday 2nd I understand that a party in the interest of the N. P. R. R. will Make a trip across the continent [to] Examine the different passes in the Main Rky Mt. Chain — [and] determine upon which one will be adopted as well as the turning of the road on [toward?] Puget Sound. I shall look for this with great solicitude [?]

[194] June 1869 X. M. XII Saturday 26" retd from Helena after a long absence in company With Hon. Jas. M Cavenaugh our

[29] W. H. Todd had become one of the three purchasers of the *Independent*, but he soon sold out.

Delegate in Congress ♯40 — and the prospective heir for same position in Congress ♯41. Mr. Wilkinson[20] here campaigning for Rky Mt. Gazette — Cavenaugh & Mr Mc Cormick left this Evening for Missoula

Sunday 27″ No rain the country burnt up. Some crops destroyed with the drought. Things look gloomy. The author of this record is 51 yrs old to day.

Monday 28″ Let [left] this Mning in company With Chatfield & Blake for Missoula. At Missoula & below — the whole country suffering for rain. Even in the bottum where it is generally Moist Not over a ½ crop will be raised. Corn & Potatoes already Killd by "frost there

[195] July 1869

Thursday 8″ Retd from Missoula. The whole country being burnt up for Want of rain. Crops in places will Not be worth cutting. No Water in My Mill Creek. Things look gloomy for all hands. In the French Town Sett. they had a Severe frost a few Nights ago. Corn — potatoes & Vines all cut down & Some fears are Entertained for the Wheat.

Friday 9″ Some little water runing in flume. Mr Windes getting along admirably getting out cogs for Main driving wheel. The Shaft is out & gudgeons in but Not banded Yet. It has struggled hard all day to rain but has cleared off without Effecting it

[196] July 1869 Saturday 10″ rode up to E Cowans last Eving to turn in Water The flume leaking badly. recd Mail Blake at Chicago 20 ult. Judge Pomeroy up En route for Willow Creek. Frank Tudor from Philipsburg.

Sunday 11″ Walked up to the Mission & took a cup of coffee With Revd Father Rivalli. Bear are Killing hogs on burnt fork. Revd Father Rivalli called

Monday 12″ Party off this Mning Bear hunting. Keyser[21] passed up With band of Cows & heifers from Oregon. Revd Father Rivalli very Kindly sent Me dish Green Peas & Kettle New potatoes. The first fruit of the Mission Garden. Party retd without finding Bruin. Saw plenty of tracks.

[20] John W. Wilkinson was one of the founders of the *Rocky Mountain Gazette* in Helena, 1866. It was run as a Democratic paper. Peter Ronan was also a partner. Wilkinson sold out to Martin Maginnis in 1868. The plant was destroyed by fire in 1872.

[21] Probably Ben Keiser, an old trapper and mountain man who had become a trader along the Emigrant Road and later a rancher. Woody, *opus citra*, 93.

[197] July 1869 X. M. XIII Tuesday 13" recd East Mail. Mr. Windes fitted the Cogs in the Master Wheel. I fear the rain is over. Fixd up Mill hog pen.

Wednesday 14 Blake & Tudor gone up to prospect S[————?] House Creek. Tudor Killd a barren Doe a few Miles from here & Sterny very Kindly retd to the fort with ½ of the Meat. Very acceptable. Frank Keep doing So. & We Wont forget you. Recd letter from Gen Fred Myers Q. M. N. O.

Thursday 15" Venison Steaks for Breakfast relishd by all. Wrote Hon. Geo. Gibbs & Gen. Fred Myers. Mr Windes Struck the pitch line & Spaced off the Cogs. report from the Flathead Camp Now at Buffalo of the death of My old Snake Ind herder Seirgan.

[198] July 1869 Friday 16" recd the first No of a New paper Styled "The New North West"[32] published in Deer Lodge City by J. H. Mills former Editor of the Montana Post. It is to be an Independent sheet. It Makes a very respectable appearance. Walked up to the Mission & passed the afternoon With the Revd Fathers The Revd Father Grassy has retd from below 14 cogs dressed.

Saturday 17" Mr. Winds dressed up 15 Cogs by Noon & then Went to a house wa[rm]ing in town. Recd Mail. Letter from Mr. Johnson[33] Chf Eng. N. P. R. P. — requesting Me to Meet a party of Gent on Clarks fork or in that Vicinity, who were to leave Frisco for Portland Oregon on the Steamer 26 ult. This party is composed Thos H. Canfield land agt. N. P. R. R. W. S. Johnson Civil Engr. & Son of Eng. in Chief & other Gent in the int. of the road. Some ten in all. The party after Examing Puget Sound would come up to Columbia river to Walla Walla & up Cl[ar]ks fork to the Main Chain of Mts & Examine the difft Passes for the road

[199] July 1869 Sunday 18" No one Stiring. Writing letters [to] Geo Gibbs Chf Eng Johnson Gen Sheridan & [————?] No of Cogs 126

Monday 19" Mr. Benj. Harris in & bro't. Me a few Nice potatoes & Beets. He from what I hear has a fine garden. Mr Windes dressing up Cogs in Master Wheel 35 Cogs to day.

Tuesday 20" Mr. Windes dressing up Cogs. Wm C. Blake

Wednesday 21 No rain No rain — Wells — Springs —& Small Streams going dry. Blake & Tudor retd Brot some fat venison with

[32] The *New Northwest* of Deer Lodge was an important and influential paper for many years under the editorship of Mills. It was at first a weekly; a daily in 1870–1871 and after that a weekly.

[33] Edwin F. Johnson. Smalley, *opus citra*, p. 145.

them. Found No Gold. Mr. Windes finishd up the cogs by Noon & commencd on upright shaft. Setting bands. Wrote Gazette this date from Chateau De La Fontane. "Slucius"

[200] July 1869 Thursday 22nd Maj Graham & Frank Tudor left for Philipsbury. Setting bands on upright Shaft. Gave the cogs a good coating hot tallow. Had No Misquitoes or flies Yet this Sumer.

Monday 26" retd last Night from Missoula. Started for Lafontaine's

Thursday 29" retd from Lafontaines having been up turning Water in the Creek & building dams. Shall Start in a day or so for the purpose of Meeting the N. P. R. R. party Now En route from Walla Walla for Montana. Address Major. W. K. Richardson Helena formerly proprietor Pacific House St. Joseph Mo. A very clever Gent & an old friend. "24 on Wheat Mr Robertson."

[201] August 1869

Sunday 15" Retd from My trip to Meet the N. P. R. R. party accompanied by Maj. Galbraith[84] our Newly assignd Ind agent. Who relievd Capt Mc Caulay 21st last Month.

Monday 16" The Whole country parched up. Maj Galbraith & Myself Walked up to the Mission & dined with the Revd Fathers Giorda & Rivalli. during My absence Mr Windes has repaird the Mill & placd it in fine working order.

Tuesday 17" Maj. Galbraith held a council With the Indians

Wednesday 18" Maj. G. & Myself rode over to See Mr. Bass & Lady. Had a pleasant Visit & nice dinner — Maj. Richardson & Mr Fisher here

[202] August 1869 Thursday 19" Maj Galbraith Richardson & Mr Fisher left for Missoula this Mning. Was up in Town.

Friday 20" The Mts. on the West are Still on fire.

Saturday 21st Farmers are about through with harvesting. Up in Town Business dull.

Monday 23rd Walked down With Mr Blake as far as James Finns crops below very poor — Harly pay for cutting. Up in Town

Tuesday 24" Mr Winslett Passd En route for Deer Lodge

[203] September 1869

Sunday 5" Retd last Eving from a Visit to Philipsburg accompanied by Mr. Geo. Mason Chief Engr Stuarts Mill. Found My old friend Maj. Graham here. Well & lively as Ever. Young Blake has

[84] Major A. S. Galbreath was detailed by the war department to act as Indian agent June 1, 1869, and was relieved in 1870. Johnson, *opus citra*, 291.

the Mill runing in fine shape under a Newly Engaged Miller Mr Baker. Mr Brunly [?] left this Morning With a yield of 35 lbs X X flour to Bu. Well pleasd — Blake — Still has his hogs shut up. He has Some 200 Head for Bacon this fall.

Monday 6" Mill runing. Up in Town Bot Small Bill Groceries Sugar 30# Coffee 40# Candles 40#

Tuesday 7 Mill busy doing good Work Key lost found. Many [————————?] & Sdy Nips Visited the Revd Fathers

[204] Sept. 1869 Wednesday 8" Capt McCauley The Ind agt up from Missoula.

Thursday 9" Walked up in town with Capt Mc. Cauley. retd & found Gov. Ashley & his private Secy Mr. Hall at the fort. After lunch the Gov. concluded that he would take a driv up the Valley.

Friday 10" Gov Ashley & his private Secty Mr. Hall retd from Willow [Creek] Hoisted flag & gav him Salute after dinner he was waitd upon by Citizens from Town had quite a talk with them He then drove out to 3 Mile Creek with Mr Thos. N. Harris Mr E. W. Bass Very Kindly sent us from his garden Some Nice tomatoes & Melons. He Was over to dinner.

[205] Sept. 1869 Thursday 16" Retd from Missoula having been off on a trip to Agency & Mission With Gov. Jas M. Ashley — who left Missoula Yesterday Mning for Helena. I find the Gov. a Very pleasant Sociable Gent. In fact I am pleased with him & [so is] Every one he has come in contact with. A public target is abused

Friday 17" Mill crowded but runing charmingly. Water light for good work. Up in Town Settling a/cs — Geo Mason Engr Stuarts Mill left for Philipsburg Visit from Victor Chief.

Saturday 18" Had a visit from Miss Ambrose Daughter of the Chief Ground out toll Wheat.

[206] Monday 20" Mill busy on Winslett. Wheat Paid a Visit to Revd Father Giorda.

Tuesday 21" Capt. Mills Editor of New North West Arrid. A Gent. of the old School. We differ in political Cast Still he is a Gent. With whom we are on Social intercourse.

Friday 24" "Papers X. M." Retd last Evening with Capt. Mills from a trip up the Valley as far as Girds Creek. We were treated with great Kindness & the Capt. added to his list a Number of Subscribers. He is Well pleased with his Visit & only regrets he can't remain longer. Capt. Mills left in Company With Father Pallidino[88]

[88] Father Laurence Palladino came to Montana in 1867. He is still living in Missoula, Montana, the last of the great Jesuit missionaries to the Indians of the Northwest.

[207] Sept 1869 Saturday 25" Mr Baker shut down last Eveing & took up the Burrs. Blake off Shooting Maj. Graham overhauling pasture fence. Baker dressing Burrs. Hon. John Ross & A. J. Johnson British & Am Commission $650,000 in Gold to the H. B & Puget Sound companies Extinguish their rights West Rky Mts &c &c[86] Letter from Maj Blake at Bozeman.

Sunday 26" Walked up to Town to See horse race. A race Made up for to Morrow

Monday 27" Baker Working on Burrs. Horse race came off. First heat [of] 400 yds decided a dead heat. Some parties drew their stakes. The race was now run over & the colt was beat 4 feet.

Thursday 30" Baker finshd dressing the Burrs.

[208] October 1869

Friday 1st overhauling Suction fan. Blake up the Creek.

Saturday 2nd Mill runing on Ind. grists. Getting out New line shaft & overhauling Suction fan. Gen Sully.[87] Maj's Blake & Galbraith & E. N. Cooke arrived. Salute fired but flag neglected.

Sunday 3rd The Citizens have been Making calls upon Gen Sully all day. To Morrow he is to hold a council with the Inds.

Monday 4" Walked up to the Missions with Gen Sully & party & took dinner with Revd Father Giorda — The Gen held a council with Inds & submitt proposition Many Citizens Called "Suction Fan don't Work"

[209] October 1869 Tuesday 15" [5] Gen Sully had his ambulance harnissd up & we had a pleasant drive to Willow Creek. retd & met the Indians who are about to agree upon Some terms.

Wednesday 6" Brs. Blake out shooting Ind's in Council with Gen Sully. Hunters retd with some 7 Brace of chicken & two of Malards

Thursday 7" The Inds Signd the treaty Made by Gen Sully[88] The Gen & party after lunch left for Missoula.

Friday 8" Great dissatisfaction Evincd upon the part of the Set-

[86] The Treaty of 1846 between the United States and Great Britain provided for the protection of the property rights of the Hudson's Bay Company and its subsidiary, the Puget Sound Agricultural Company. The United States was anxious to get these companies to give up their holdings within her boundaries. The companies, however, placed a very high value on their properties and years of discussion resulted. The matter was finally settled by arbitration.

[87] Brigadier General Alfred Sully was detailed by the war department as superintendent of Indian affairs in Montana May 7, 1869. He acted for only a few months. Johnson, *opus citra.*

[88] The treaty is not in Kappler, *opus citra.*

tlers as regards Genl Sully treaty — It is impossible to please all. Getting out Stuff for Suction fan

[210] October 1869 Saturday 9" Doing repairs on Mill. Frank Tudor arrived Up in Town

Sunday 10" Demise of the Wife of My old Voyager Knias — Gave Lumber — Nails — & Screws — for Coffin — Bag flour — Sugar & Coffee — for the Wake May she rest in peace — Delegation from Willow Creek to inquire about the points in the treaty Made by Gen Sully.

Monday 11" Mill Crowded. Put in a shaker that Works admirably. It answers as a Separator — Built platform at Mill to feed hogs in Visit from old chief Victor.

Tuesday 12" The Man I had Working yesterday hurt his back & to day is Not able to do any thing Shaker Works Well. Blake above for water.

[211] October 1869 Wednesday 13" Mill busy Will run all Night. Water light — Ben Harris in With Winter potatoes. 30 Bu.

Thursday 14" Water light for Mill. Mill crowded.

Friday 15" Mill busy all day H. M Cone down from Girds Ck with 60 Bu Grist.

Saturday 16" Bucher dressing the Burrs & Mc Kay putting in Sucktion fan

Monday 18" Much Ice found in flume Frank H. Woody left here yesterday for Missoula.

[212] October 1869 Tuesday 19" Sterny Blake determined to leave

Wednesday 20" Mill frose up — all hands [drawing of a hand] on their oars. Blake & party fixing up for a trip to Gallatin. Princess left With Bag & Baggage for Siorgans Camp. "Busted up in business"

Thursday 21" Mill Crowded Water light.

Sunday 30" Have been above to Missoula. Since 25" attending Court Hired Two Chinamen who was with Me last year as cook. Time commencing to morrow Nov 1st Miss Blake & Graham very Much [word omitted] My poor old dog Bull quite infirm. Will be 16 yrs old 28" Next Feby. "Poor Dog."

[213] November 1869

Monday 1st It is Winter.

Tuesday 2nd Water increasing. Mill doing good work.

Wednesday 3rd Chatfield & Boyd went up the Creek yesterday for the purpose of removing obstruction &c Contracted With two

Men for Sinking a Well in hog Lot [at] $3.00 pr foot Walled. Chatfield Sunk two post holes toward his hog lot. A remarkable day's Work — Truly — For him

Thursday 4" Sinking Well. Mill busy

Friday 5" Mill crowded & doing good Work Water fair. Got 3 foot Water in Well just Sunk.

[214] November 1869 Saturday 6" Quite a Sensation in Town Yesterday. Some person under cover of the Night having had the assurance to Enter a Ladies room — &c &c

Sunday 7" Snowing on the Mts. Was up in Town Dressd Burrs

Monday 8" Walked up to the Mission. The Revd Fathers retd with Me. Loaned a young Father — whose Name I do Not remember. My Sextant. Revd. Father Grassy has gone to Colville as Supervisor of St. Paul's Mission He is a favorite where ever he is Known

Tuesday 9" Mill Working charmingly Crowded — Water Still light It is a pleasure to Visit the Mission.

[215] November 1869 Wednesday 10" Walked up to the Mission & passed the Evening with the Revd Fathers. Daste[89] is the Name of our New Father & Very intelligent Gent.

Thursday 11" Mr Mc Clure the discoverer of the Wht. Cloud Lode retd to day from a prospecting tour of Some 7 Mos —. Found Nothing to Warrant any further Examination — Has retd to his Lode on 8 Mile Crk.

Friday 12" The long lookd for rain has come at last. It is a fine thing for the Mill. Visited Mission.

Saturday 13 Cards recd from Miss Kate Higgins & Mr. W. T. McCormick — May they be happy

[216] November 1869 Sunday 14" The Snow has all gone off the plains — It will help our Water — Mill Crowded. But doing good work.

Monday 15" Water increasing Mill busy Philip Came down from Skar Kapi to assist in runing the Mill

Tuesday 16 Mr. Gird & friend in from Flint Creek. Mr Gird is in for his Winter flour

Saturday 20" retd from Willow creek last evng with Mr Mat. Adams. Fine head of Water

Sunday 21 Mr Bucker dressing the Burrs —

[89] Father Jerome D'Aste was a Jesuit missionary until his death in 1910. Palladino, *opus citra*, pp. 72, 84, 379.

Monday 22 Mill crowded

[217] November 1869 Tuesday 23rd Mill runing Night & day & doing good Work. A. K. Gird.

[218] December 1869

Saturday 4" Yesterday retd. from Jocko Agency. Mill busy With light head of Water. Order from Gen Sully for 20000 lbs flour for Indians — Mail recd Cards from Capt. Jno. Mason Brown & Miss Possett Revd Father Rivalli down turned over to him Drugs & Medicine. Mr. Lent here

Sunday 5" Maj. Galbraith up

Monday 6" Maj. Galbraith & Myself rode over & paid Mr Bass a Visit. Called upon the Revd Fathers. Mill busy Water light — Chatfield gone to Missoula —

[219] December 1869 Friday 17" Mill frose up. Hogs Butchered — Trust We May thaw out again. Major Galbraith still here. Some few days ago he issued flour & Blankets to the Indians

[220] January 1870

Saturday 1st No Winter as Yet. No Snow on the ground & Real Williamette Weather You Will find quite a Blank in this journal — Well I have been at Missoula Enjoying Myself hugely —

[221] February 1870

Tuesday 1st January has passed & gone & Still No Winter on the 22nd had a Ball in Stevensville — 22 & 23rd put up Ice — Nothing Worth Noting

[222] September 1870 Monday 19" Mill Started up L Bucker Miller Commencd Augst 24" at $140.00 per Mo. Jas. Clifton Commenced Sept 1st @ $40.00 pr Mo. Pat "Cook" Commencd Sept 19" @ $30.00 pr Mo. C. G. Birdseye & Lady Mrs [————————?] & Mr Robinson left this 24" Sept My old friend Mr. McDonald up from Colville. Happy to Meet him once more

Nov 5. Maj Jones Ind agt[40] arrivd & left on Sunday 7th

[223] January 1871 Tuesday 31st Mill runing Most part of the Month. Up to this time No Winter to Amt. to any thing. Mr G. C. D. Hibbs up distributing annuities to the Inds. left this Morning in Company with Dr. Tiernan for the Jocko Agency Considerable plowing done during the Mo.

February 28 Winter has closed with a beautiful day in fact we have had no Winter The 11 12 & 13" of the Month was quite cold.

[40] Charles S. Jones was appointed Indian agent September 9, 1870, and suspended two years later.

Plate XXIV

PRAIRIE SCHOONERS ENTERING HELENA

A train of prairie-schooners entering the town of Helena in 1873, at the time Owen was kept in the asylum there. The building on the hill to the right, with a row of windows and two chimneys, is the structure where Owen was confined. Owen was not one of the asylum inmates held in chains, concerning whom a public controversy raged at the time.

From the original photograph in the collection of the Historical Society of Montana.

Plate XVI.

Prairie Schooners Entering Helena.

A train of prairie-schooners entering the town of Helena in 1870, at the time
[illegible] there. The building on the hill to the right, with a
[illegible] bunkers, is the structure where Owen was confined.
[illegible] inmates held in chains, concerning whom a public

PLATE XXIV

Put up our ice during that time. There is No Snow on the ground. Drove up to Willow Creek With Dr. Nichols & the roads were firm dry & dusty. Farmers all busy fencing Preparation for large crops —

[End of the Journal]

THE

LETTERS AND DOCUMENTS

OF

MAJOR JOHN OWEN

1856-1866

EMBRACING
CORRESPONDENCE TO AND FROM STEPTOE; WRIGHT;
NESMITH; PLEASANTON; GEARY; STEVENS;
VAUGHAN; KENDALL; HALE;
AND OTHERS

HIS
ORDERS, REPORTS AND ADVICE AS INDIAN AGENT

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INTRODUCTION TO THE LETTERS AND DOCUMENTS

THE Letters and Documents written by or relating to John Owen have been assembled from three sources. The most important of them is Owen's Letter Book from 1856 to 1866, now in the Collection of W. R. Coe, Esq. That volume also embraces a signed copy of the bill of sale of St. Mary's Mission, dated 1850 (which has already been presented among Owen's "Entries of 1850"). In all, the Letter Book contains one hundred and twenty-one documents. The Montana Historical Society has a Fort Owen Register which holds nine of the writings here transcribed; and five letters dealing with Owen and his work were found in the Archives of the Indian Bureau of the Federal Department of the Interior. Altogether, therefore, the following pages contain transcripts of one hundred and thirty-four hitherto unpublished manuscripts pertaining to pioneer Northwestern history and Owen's activities. Collectively they deal, either directly or indirectly, with the following subjects:

The Indian Wars of 1855-56 and of 1858; the creation of overland travel routes to the Pacific Coast; the character, desires and purposes of the natives; the Indian policy of the Government and its errors in the treatment of the tribes of the Northwest; the relationship of the Missionaries to the Indians, and the influence of the Missions during the troubles between the red and the white races; the opening of the country to white settlement and the effects of Steven's treaty; the attitude of the Hudson's Bay Company toward the Indians and the American settlers; the navigation of the Upper Missouri River; the Mormon War and Owen's opinions and fears respecting it; the difficulties and cost of pack-train transportation; the development of the Upper Columbia River region; and the qualities possessed by the original white society of the country.

The Letters of Owen — to a degree much exceeding his Journals — are full of color. They present at length his personal opinions concerning these numerous matters of large importance, and are at times even argumentative and sarcastic in their nature. They reveal

the outstanding traits of Owen's character; his independence of thought; his spirit of fairness; his honesty; his bluntness; his loyalty and faithfulness; his prejudices; his patriotism; his concern and affection for the Indians; his industry; and his shrewdness. The contrast between the Letters and Journals is no doubt due to the fact that his daily diaries were, in a sense, the common and accessible property of the Fort's resident population and its many visitors. The Journals were at times kept by other hands than Owen's; gradually acquired a considerable physical bulk; and were not the medium in which the Fort Builder preserved a record of his official judgments, activities and advice. The Letters chronologically parallel the Journals for a period of some ten years, and disclose that Owen was often engrossed in difficult problems or duties at times when the daily Journals convey no other impression than that he was merely a settler whose only troubles were those common to such a situation. The Letters, in a word — and in contra-distinction to the diaries — belong to that type of record which permits us to see beneath the surface of things. It is seldom that both sorts of chronicles, relating to the same period and region, are products of the same mind, and the fact that Owen did prepare his two series of radically differing manuscripts gives to the whole collection a value of peculiar quality.

The easy-going, jovial, pleasure-loving, somewhat yielding and baronial figure of Major Owen who is suggested by the Journals quite disappears in the Letters. These more intimate writings uncover an Owen otherwise unsuspected, and even, at times, a truculence of character scarcely concealed by a veneer of suavity. On one occasion he refuses to obey the orders of a Brigadier General of the Army — though incorporating his refusal in a sugar-coated pill of deferential courtesy. Again, he flatly refuses to resubmit his criticised financial accounts, as ordered, and defiantly asserts that they are precisely right as originally presented. And still again he refuses to make further annual reports detailing the significant events of the Indian territory under his charge, on the stated ground that the Indian Bureau has failed to incorporate previous reports by him in its annual printed volume. In these controversies — or at least in the first two of them here mentioned — Owen was right, and ultimately sustained his attitude. The Letters, though, disclose no conclusion to the matter of the yearly reports, or any declared reason for their non-appearance in the usual published summary issued by the Government. It may not be unreasonable to infer that if Owen's annual statements concerning the Indian affairs of the Northwest were of a

nature substantially identical with the tenor of these Letters, and if they contained the same information and recommendations, then those qualities had something to do with the Government's failure to present them to the public.[1]

The list of matters with which the Letters deal embraces almost every subject of interest in the contemporary history of the Northwest. Owen describes in detail his work as Indian Agent and explains his administrative problems with clearness. Here we see the man himself at work, and he is not at all the self-seeking politician who, in those days, often held a place of like responsibility. Owen was far removed from that type of Governmental representative — unfortunately too common in our pioneer history — which sought to fleece the Indians either for personal profit or for the supposed profit of the white nation. In his dealings with the natives whose interests were long confided to his care his constant insistence was: "They are Indians, it is true, but at the same time are human beings."

In all those matters wherein Owen could have adopted the usual course, he was consistently for the Indians and against the Government. He denounced the white man's broken promises, and pointed out the wrong inherent in a policy of broken promises. He ridiculed the goods sent to his wards in payment for their territory. He unhesitatingly incurred, on his own initiative, expenditures amounting to thousands of dollars when opportunity arose to supply the natives with livestock or other possessions having permanent value to them. He pledged his own credit and employed his own resources in the Indian's behalf. In short he was engaged for years in a contest to prevent or rectify the mistakes of others who possessed less understanding than he of the race problem of the Northwest and its causes. To a large degree that effort of Owen was unavailing, and he at last laid down his official duties with relief.

These Letters also throw much light on the Indian wars of the

[1] Three earlier instances in which reports of investigations of Indian affairs conducted by Governmental authorization appeared under other than Governmental imprints were the "Report" of Jedediah Morse to the Secretary of War, which was printed by an association of booksellers and publishers in 1822; the "Report of J. W. Edmonds, United States Commissioner upon the Disturbance at the Potawatomie Payment, September, 1836," which appeared in New York City under private imprint in 1837; and the "Report of John W. Edmonds, United States Commissioner on the claims of creditors of the Potawatomie Indians of the Wabash, presented under the Treaties made with them in 1836 and '37," which also appeared under a New York imprint of 1837. All these reports contained material either in contravention of the Government's Indian policy or in revelation of frauds committed upon the Indians under Governmental observation.

late fifties, and on the attitude and conduct of the Hudson's Bay Company during that period.

The Letters are also significant because of their disparaging accounts of missionary activities in the Northwest at the same time. Whether or not the student accepts Owen's statements and conclusions regarding that phase of the era under review, he nevertheless must give them consideration in any analysis of the missionaries' work in the region.

The unique position early attained in the Northwest by Owen and his establishment is discussed and explained in the letter written by Nesmith to Commissioner Mix under date of April 24, 1858. Partly by virtue of an old law relating to lands in the Oregon Territory, and partly by squatter's rights, the Fort Builder had acquired title to a claim which Nesmith describes as "three or four hundred miles from the nearest settlement," and "in the heart of the Indian country, entirely isolated from any white settlement, and six or seven hundred miles distant from any portion of country which had been by ratified treaty purchased from the Indians." There he had created the establishment described by Nesmith, and, in addition, was already representing the Government as Special Agent of the Indian Bureau among the Flatheads.

This illuminating letter, in point of fact, shows that Owen had far outdistanced any contemplated activity designed to be permitted to white men in the region of his abode, and the Government at Washington did not know just how to handle the case. It is not surprising that Nesmith, in recounting Owen's situation, described his status as "complicated and anomalous." Owen's right to remain where he was, however, was not challenged by the Government, although his title to the Fort and its square mile of surrounding territory was never vested in him until it was too late to be of value to him in life.

From his remote location Owen was destined to watch and describe the progress of the later immigration into the Northwest. He beheld the development of the Upper Missouri and the Columbia River regions from the citadel he had established midway between them. He toiled for years over the mountain trails with his pack trains, and was elated at the construction of the Mullan Road from Fort Benton to Walla Walla. His establishment, during the creation of that pioneer highway, was often the rendezvous of the explorers and engineers engaged in the work, and numerous of their reports of progress were written within the walls of his library.

He described the incoming of the cattle traders from the East, and

beheld the later rush of the horde of gold seekers to the country where he had reared his own enterprise many years before. He saw his once lonely Fort gradually become the center of a growing, bustling community in which he was for a time the dominating figure, and then watched Fort Owen degenerate to a subsidiary place before the torrent of modern conditions that he himself had unloosed. And finally he was destined to record the spanning of the continent by telegraph and railway, though they passed him by, far to the southward.

The society that thus swept around him and past him he did not always approve, but his descriptions of it are independent and original. Nor could he — for various geographical and other reasons — compete successfully with it. So at last he abandoned the contest, deserted his Fort, and went away to spend the sad and final years of his western career in thriving towns where once he had camped in solitude.

LETTERS AND DOCUMENTS

[Editor's Note. The five documents found in the Archives of the Indian Bureau are indicated by a single asterisk (*). The nine papers found in the Register owned by the Montana Historical Society are indicated by two asterisks (**). The remainder, one hundred and twenty in number, are contained in the Letter Book now in the Collection of W. R. Coe, Esq.]

1856

The Claim of Owen's Interpreter, Francis Saxa

[Letter Book p. 144] Flathead Agency, W. T. Augst 3rd 1856
Major Hatch U. S. Ind agt Blackfoot Nation
My Dear Sir

I failed of the pleasure of seeing you on my late Visit to the upper Missouri and could not personally bring the Claim of Francis Saxa [Owen's interpreter] to your Notice He is soon going to Buffalo & he requests Me to bring his case to your official Notice. He is a good Man & should have the animals or compensation for them according to the tenor of the Blackfoot Treaty. How he is to get Either you will be best able to inform him. I forward copies of his affidavit & of the descriptive list

With due regard I am your obt Sevt
"Signed" R. H. Lansdale Ind. Agt Flathead Nation

[144] Flathead Agency, Washington Territory } To Wit

Personally appeared before the undersigned United States Indian Agent for the Flathead Nation residing in Said Territory Francis Saxa a Member of the Flathead Tribe of Said Nation & who being previously Sworn upon the Bible deposeth & Saith as follows. Having with his people attended & taken part in the Blackfoot Council & treaty at mouth of Judith in October 1855 he left that place in

company with Victor head chief of the Flathead Nation & his camp & went up the Judith & then over the Mountains between the Judith & Musselshell rivers & was about halfway between the Mt. & Mussleshell river when just twenty days after the Blackfoot treaty twenty two head of horses Three geldings one a race horse Seven Mares with Seven Colts & two Colts of two years old & three Mares according to a descriptive list herewith given & Made part of this affidavid were Stolen from him by one Piegan & Six Blood Indians Members of the Blackfoot Nation as he verily believes. And further the deponent Saith Not

Witness JNO OWEN — FRANCIS his X mark SAXA

Subscribed and Sworn to before Me this 23rd day of June 1856
"Signd" R. H. LANSDALE Ind agt Flathead Nation

[145] Descriptive list of twenty two animals Stolen from Francis Saxa in November 1855 by the Blackfoot and intended to accompany his affidavit of June 23rd 1856

Record June 1856

One Sorrell Gelding White Nose (value of two horses) $100.00 Two Blue Geldings $50.00 Ea. 100.00 Three Black Mares 50.00 Ea. 150.00 two Brown Do 45.00 Ea. 90.00 One Red Do 50.00 One Yellow Do 40.00 One Pearly Do 50.00 One Spotted Do 75.00 One Mouse Colored Do 50.00 One 2 Year old Black Mare Colt 30.00 One 2 Year old Sorrell Stud Colt 25.00 One Pearly Sucking Colt 20.00 One Yellow Sucking Colt 20.00 two Brown Sucking Colt 20.00 Ea 40.00 One Black Sucking Colt 20.00 One Sorrell Sucking Colt 20.00 One Red Sucking Colt 20.00

[Total] $900.00

1858

OWEN TO NESMITH REGARDING HIS EMPLOYES AND HIS APPLICATION FOR A LICENSE AS INDIAN TRADER.**

Fort Owen M. T. January 1st 1858

Dear Sir

I have the honor to inform you that I have this day engaged Frederick H. Burr Esq. as interpreter and trader at the fort for one year and request that his name may be enrold with the other Em-

ployees whose names were given in my application for license Sept 22nd/57.

Jno. Silvethorn as Carpenter and Grimizau as labourer are no longer in my service consequently I no longer feel myself bound for their conduct under my bond executed to the Department while in the Indian Country.

The two last named men were not brought into the Indian Country by me. I found them here and engaged them here for No Specified length of time

I have the Honor to Remain Respectfuly Your obt. Sevt.

JNO OWEN

To Col. T. W. NESMITH Supt. Indian Affairs
O. & W. Territories Salem, O. T.

OWEN TO NESMITH SAYING IT WOULD NOT SURPRISE HIM IF THE HOSTILE MORMONS SUDDENLY APPEARED AND TOOK POSSESSION OF HIS FORT, AND ENCLOSING A SCHEDULE OF PROPERTY AT THE FORT IN CASE THAT EVENT SHOULD HAPPEN.**

Fort Owen M. T. January 9" 1858

Dear Sir

Herewith please find schedule of property on hand certified to by responsible persons all of whom are known personaly to yourself except Mr. Harris who Mr. Bernhart in your office is personaly acquainted with. My object for taking this step was prompted by prudence. Whether it will ever redound to my interest will probably some future day be known. Since hearing of Bringham Young's proclamation of Martial Law in Utah Territory and the flying reports in circulation through the country I will not be surprised at anything. The Mormons from personal observation and reports well know that I have a desirable location with good comfortable buildings outhouses Mills & Enclosures all of which under the present state of affairs might prove beneficial to them. To see a host of them here at any moment to take possession of the whole would not surprise me in the least — "as desperate cases require desperate Means." Evidently from all I hear a State of war does exist between the U. S. Gov't. & the Mormon clan. Whether in case of loss to myself the Govt. would favorably consider my claim I can't say. I have taken this step as I before remarked through prudence alone.

Please deposit the papers in your office for future reference if required.

Very Respt. your Obt. Sevt.
JNO. OWEN

To Col. T. W. NESMITH Supt. Ind. Affairs
Oregon & Washington Territories

OWEN TO STEPTOE ON THE ALARM PRODUCED BY BRIGHAM YOUNG'S PROCLAMATION OF MARTIAL LAW; REPORTING THE DESTRUCTION OF HARNEY'S WAGON TRAIN; AND EXPRESSING FEAR THAT HIS OWN POSITION AT FORT OWEN MAY NOT LONG BE TENABLE.**

Fort Owen M. T. Jan'y. 9" 1858

Dear Sir

The whole country has been thrown into a State of alarm from the information I secured a few days ago from a favorable wintering ground known in the Mts. as the Beaver head That Gov Bringham Young has issued his proclamation as Gov. & Supt. of Ind. affairs declaring Martial law in Utah Territory and that a supply train of Sixty Wagons belonging to Genl. Harneys command had been captured and destroyed by the Danite band at the said Gov's instigation. When the present (war?) may cease Heaven only knows. My own position well known in Salt Lake City may not long be tenable. I deeply regret that business of a serious nature warrants my contemplated departure for the East Via Fort Benton in a few days From the simple fact that it may appear as if I had abandoned my post in the hour of peril. But my positive orders to Mr. Harris who I leave in charge will be not to abandon the post unless compeld by force. I have correct and accurate invoices of property and stock on hand taken on hand and certified to by responsible persons a schedule of which I have fowrd to Supt of Indian Affairs for the Territory to be deposited in his office. It has required a week of unceasing labor to accomplish it. Whether in case of loss it will redound to my benefit time will prove. I (am moved?) to this step by prudence alone. The U. S. certainly is in a state of war with the Morman clan.

Respt Your obt. Sevt.
JNO. OWEN

To E. L. STEPTOE Lt. Col. U. S. A.
Coming Fort Walla Walla Washington Territory

OWEN TO CAPTAIN GRANT ASKING THE RETURN OF MATERIAL TAKEN BY GRANT FROM OWEN'S WAGON CACHE.**

Fort Owen, W. T. Jan'y 17" 1858

Capt RICHD GRANT
Dear Sir

I learn from Mr. Adams that you had taken the liberty of taking from my wagon cache some yokes and chains which I require to be there when the men from Beaver Head drive their cattle past who have promised to bring the wagon in for me.

I shall expect you to have them back there before such time as they pass as they will require them to bring the wagon in with.

Yours V C
JNO. OWEN

OWEN TO NESMITH ON THE REPORTS OF THE MORMON'S REBELLION; HOPING THEY WILL NOT ESCAPE THE ARM OF JUSTICE; ANNOUNCING THE ABANDONMENT OF HIS PROPOSED TRIP TO BENTON; AND ENCLOSING INVOICES OF FORT OWEN PROPERTY AGGREGATING $36,000. ALSO DECLARING THAT THE OUTLAWS IN THE REGION ARE A GRAVE DANGER TO THE LAW ABIDING SETTLERS AND TO INDIAN PEACE.**

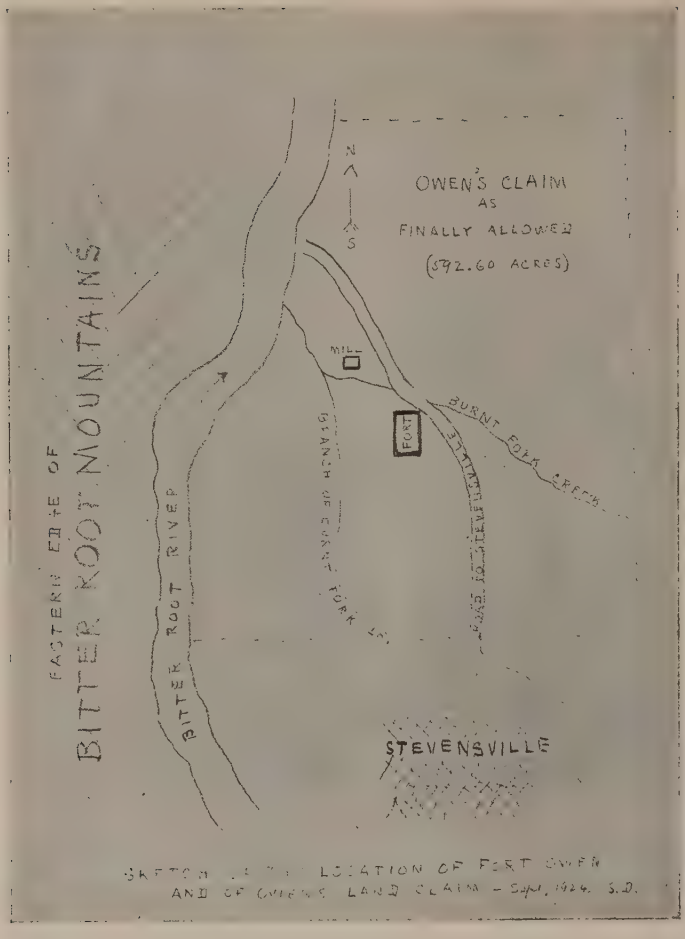
Fort Owen Jan'y. 20" 1858

Dear Sir

I have the honor herewith to transmit you detailed invoices of property of hand belonging to myself and employees all of which I believe have been carefuly taken & to be just & true in writing an amt. in the aggregate of Thirty Six Thousand Nine hundred & twenty two. 87/100 Dollars (36922.87)

I first thought of sending you merely a condensed schedule but upon more mature reflection brought about by the still astounding reports of the Mormon rebellion that daily reach me I have deemed it best to send it in detail which deposit in your office for future reference if required. My contemplated trip home via fort Benton I have deferd for the present and shall so soon as the road is open in the spring start my stock for the Walla Walla Valley as a place of greater security and in case of accident to make my loss as light as possible I again request that if you have any advice to offer in the premises freely give it. Either officialy or privately. The great part of the

PLATE XXV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OWEN'S LAND CLAIM AS FINALLY GRANTED TO HIM BY THE

Diagram showing the extent and location of Owen's claim as defined in the patent issued by the Government on December 7, 1872, after the pioneer's ruind had failed and he had been sent back to the East. The patent was issued under the [illegible] (Brown lands and the supplemental act of [illegible].

A sketch based on an inspection of the locality and the abstract of title in Missoula, Montana, where the patent was filed August 2, 1881.

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Owen's Land Claim as Finally Granted to Him by the Government

Diagram showing the extent and location of Owen's claim as defined in the patent issued by the Government on December 7, 1877, after the pioneer's mind had failed and he had been sent back to the East. The patent was issued under the Act of September 27, 1850, pertaining to Oregon lands, and the supplemental act of June 5, 1872.

A sketch based on an inspection of the locality and the abstract of title in Missoula, Montana, where the patent was filed on August 2, 1881.

Flat Heads are still out not havng retd from their fall hunt. The Small Pox has made serious ravages in the Nes Pirce Camp. The Flatheads are still anxiously waiting to hear from their Great Father relative to their treaty. The necessity of an agant here grows more imperative every day. Fugitives from justice and outlaws from the lower country hanging around the Indian Camp as an incubus incarnate are well calculated to poison the minds of the Indians and destroy the present friendly feelings they have for the Whites and seriously jeopardise both lives and property of the law abiding citizens we have here. The present alarming state of affairs here growing more particularly from the fact of this being the only outlet the Mormons have to escape the strong arm of justice which they so deservedly merit will probably present things to your mind in their proper light. We all of us sincerely hope so.

Respt. Your Obt Sevt.
Jno. Owen

To Col. T. W. Nesmith Sup't Ind. Affairs
Oregon & Washington Territories.

Nesmith to Commissioner Mix Setting Forth and Explaining the Unique Position attained by Owen in the Northwest *

Office Supt. Ind. Affairs,
Salem, Oregon, April 24th, 1858.
Sir,

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of March 17th returning to this office the license and bond of John Owen an Indian trader in Washington Territory. The papers as you state are returned to me for information with regard to the contemplated employees.

The facts in the matter are substantially as follows: Mr. Owen settled in the Flathead country within the limits of Washington Territory sometime about the year 1850, and took up a land claim under the provisions of the donation Act passed by Congress on the 20th Sept. 1850. It is believed that he has complied with the provisions of that act by "four years residence and cultivation," and has built a mill and made other extensive and valuable improvements of a permanent character, consequently he has by compliance with the act referred to acquired a title to six hundred and forty acres of the

public domain, and upon which he has established his fort, and now resides. It is true that Mr. Owen's location is some seven or eight hundred miles in the interior, and three or four hundred miles from the nearest settlement. Since the expiration of the donation law by its own limitation, the country east of the Cascade Mountains not having been purchased (the treaties not having been ratified) or surveyed, is considered and held by this office to be Indian country within the meaning of the Act of Congress on that subject, and settlers prohibited from occupying or trading therein except as provided by the intercourse laws. The question is constantly arising as to the rights of those persons who settled in what is now held to be Indian country and who acquired rights under the donation law. Mr. Owen being of that class of persons applied to me on the 22nd day of September 1857 for a license to trade with the Indians in the vicinity of his land claim, and asked permission to retain in his service a miller, farmer, &c. necessary to carry on the business in which he was engaged. I was aware at the time that this class of employees have never been contemplated by the Indian Department as the necessary attachees of an Indian trader. I desire you to bear in mind that the present case presents the anomalous condition of a single individual having, as it is believed, acquired a complete right to 640 acres of land in the heart of the Indian country, entirely isolated from any white settlement, and six or seven hundred miles distant from any portion of country which had been by ratified treaties purchased from the Indians. By reference to the donation laws above alluded to you will perceive that persons had a perfect right to locate their claims in any portion of Oregon and what is at present Washington Territory regardless of the possessory rights of the Indians * *

Mr. Owen's position as an Indian trader is also rendered complicated and anomalous by the fact that on the 19th of February last you directed me by your letter of that date to "continue him as a Special Agent of the Indian Department among the Flathead Indians." In accordance with your instructions I did on the first instant transmit to him his appointment with full instructions in relation to his duties. There would seem to be an incompatability in his being a trader, and Indian Agent at the same time. . .

Very Respectfully, Your Obt. Servant,
J. W. Nesmith Supt. Ind. Affrs. O. & W. T.

To Hon. Charles E. Mix,
Acting Commissioner Ind. Affrs., Washington, D. C.

OWEN TO NESMITH ON THE INDIAN WAR AND THE MISSIONS

[3] Steinigers House Colville Vally W. T.
July 11" 1858
Dear Sir

I arried at Fort Colville in Company with the H B Co brigade on the 4" inst. I Met at Colville the Couer D' Aleine Chief with some ten other same tribe they came well Mounted on U. S. horses & Mules they are offering the Mules & horses for Sale Some were bought by the H. B. Co. I told the Gent in charge that I had No orders to stop it but I did Not think it right to furnish a Market for Stolen Animals to the Enemy. I understand when at Walla Walla that Father Joset the Superior of the Couer D' A Leine Mission was down on an Errand of peace The Indians deny having Sent him & Want to Know Why he Should Meddle with things that do Not Concern him. My fears Now are that Col. Steptoe May be thrown off his guard by the peaceful intentions held out to him by the father as Coming from the tribe. There is No authority for it Whatever. War or peace is still in their hearts & in a Council the other Night at this place which lasted until dawn they had the impudence to tell Me that propositions for one or the other Must Emanate with Col. Steptoe If he wants peace he can have it If he Wants War they will accomodate him. I have Made an appointment to Meet the Coeur D'Alene tribe in Council on Wednesday the 13" I Would Meet them only at the Schutes of Spokan river & this Was Suggested to Me by Spokan Garry & Skol Holt two of the Spokan Chiefs. They did Not think it prudent for Me to Venture further toward the Coeur D' A Leine Mission. The Sin Poilish Chief with Some of his principal Men is also to be there Quil Quil Loui the Chief of a Small band of Indians here who hae Kept a Vigilant look out for My party during My Absence below accompanies Me [4] from here. Nothing but the War Cry day & Night from one End of the Valley to the other is heard. I Was apprised of an intended attack upon My party whenever I Made a Move to leave the Valley by the Same frindly Indians that Saved Me in the Spokan prarie last Spring With all My Caution My Movements were Anticipated. My Camp was ready to move at Sun rise my animals having been in the H. B. C corall all the previous night party all mounted save Myself and one man whose horse stood Saddled and tied at the door sill. He was deliberately taken by an Indian. I sent one of the Chiefs after him but he refused to give up the horse, but had the generosity to return the saddle. I ordered the camp to move on as Indians were

every moment arriving. I remaining behind to close up some business with the H. B. Co. I had secured the services of some six friendly Indians and half breeds to see me safely out of the Valley. My Camp had not proceeded over eight miles when three notorious fellows came riding up and made a charge upon the train. Mr Harris drew his revolver in fact rifles were uncovered and pistols drawn and it would have been but the work of a moment to have placed the three fellows beyond further trouble to us but my Indian and half breed allies refused to accompany Mr Harris any further if he fired on either of the Indians, they secured one fine horse and rode him off triumphantly before their faces. Indians painted more like demons with U. S. revolvers concealed under their blankets met you at every turn. Never until a very serious demonstration is made upon them by U. S. troops will life or property be safe here. Serious charges are made voluntarily by some of the Coeur d' Alleine Indians against Father Joset, they told Mr Chase that he not only gave them amunition but told them to have but one heart and that to fight.

[5] At Colville during my absence Mr Chase tells me that he [Joset] sneered at the idea of Col Steptoe conquering the Indians he says a 1000 men can not subdue them he says you may drive them from point to point but they can subsist themselves in the Mts and cut the troops off in detail. This may not be the precise language used but is the true meaning. I do recommend in strong terms the removal of the Missions from the country until peace and quietness is restored. No good has resulted from their labours or the present state of affairs would not exist. The subsistance that is acquired through their [the Missions] agency by the Indians they do not deserve consequently I am satisfied they should be removed until the Indian is brought to his proper senses and behaves himself in a way to justify their returning once more to their posts. It is hard to make such a recommendation against a class of men who seem so willing to make such enormous sacrifices for the Spiritual good of poor Indian. It is also hard to believe the charges made against a class of men wrapt in a religious garb, You may think they rest on too shallow a foundation, they come from Indians [it is] true and may be fabricated by them to shield them selves from receiving their just desserts. In fact I s[h]all use every exertion I can to ferret the whole thing out and put it in its proper light. If innocent of the charges which I sincerely hope they may be it will afford me pleasure to make it known. If guilty to deal out to them what they richly deserve. George Montour who has been my interpreter since leaving Walla

Walla is a good and faithful man he is a half breed, I send him with this express to Walla Walla and Salem My wish is that both yourself and Col Steptoe should see him and talk with him he can give you much valuable information relative to the way in which things stand here. I have bought two large Beeves and five hundred pounds of flour and some Tobacco which I have been issuing to the Indians that are friendly. In fact for the past week I have been compeled to feed some twenty of them that have been very faithfull to me whose good feelings I thought it was necessary to [6] keep in order to secure for myself a safe exit out of the country. The H. B. Co's train some 200 head of horses starts in a few days for Fort Hope for the years outfit I think they are to bring some 2000 lbs of powder with a proportionable quantity of ball, this [ammunition] as a matter of course will find its way into the hostile camp or at least a large portion of it. The trade of amunition might be stoped here but as the Gent in charge told me we could not prevent the company from trading at Fort Fortynine which is another post some 30 miles above Colville on the right bank of the Columbia and across the line. Miners in small parties should be prevented from passing up as they are generally defeated by the Indians and their Arms, Amunition, Provisions &c fall into the hands of our common enemy. A party of Miners Ninety strong were attacked by the Isle de Piere Indians fifty of whom were killed the balance retreated towards the Yakima country I fear there is no life for them, the Indians lost seven. Quill to Mena the chief Owahi's son and five others, the disparity in the numbers of the fallen is great, but it is Indian report and all believe it here. There are Canadians in the Valley whose sympathies for the Indians carries them so far that I do firmly believe that if they do not urge the Indians to fight they will be in the ranks of the enemy when troops again make their appearance in the Country. The Indians say that they would have had no objection to Col Steptoe passing up through their Country with their small arms but the Cannon alarmed them. They did not know what he wanted such large guns for — They also in reference to their country say and told me in Council the other night Why says one of the Spokan chiefs one man comes with a party from the cold side of heaven and says this is my line, up to this line all the country is mine. The man with his party from the warm side says the land on this side is mine and so they settle it and we the poor Indian have nothing to say about it, this is in reference to line 49 between the two countries — I have agreed to pay Geo Montour [7] the carrier

of this express $150.00 per month he furnishing his own horses at his own risk the same as paid by the Q. M. Dept at Walla Walla, but I earnestly reccomend that you increase it to $200.00 per mo as the road he passes over is attended with much danger up to the crossing of Snake river. I take pleasure in reccomending him to your kind consideration and confidence as I do believe him to justly deserve it, I have requested him in any conversation he may have with yourself or Col Steptoe to state nothing but plain facts, such as he has learned from the Indians himself. he speaks the language fluently and I am satisfied you can rely implicitly on any statement he may make. He may require an advancement for his services to defray his expenses back to the Dalles say $100 which I sincerely hope you will make him and allow me to deduct it from amt due him when he returns with the Express, you will please advise me of any such advancement you may think proper to make him. I will hold myself personally responsible for it if necessary. I should not have incurred the expense of forwarding you this express if I did not think the alarming state of the Country Warranted it. Feeding and Smoking the friendly Indians of this Valley is another Considerable expense unanticipated by me. Provisions are not only very high but very scarce. I have been prompted to make the expenditure for the good of the service. It cramps me in my private means to make the Advancements for the Department out of my own pocket. Still I have done it cheerfully and with the best intentions in the world. I shall Keep you fully advised of my movements.[1]

Respect yours &c

Jno Owen Dpt Ind Agt In charge Flat Head Natn W. T.

To Col J W Nesmith Supt Ind Affrs
Salem Oregon

Owen to Steptoe on the Indian Situation

[8] Steingers House Colville Valley W. T.
July 12, 1858

Dear Sir

The present alarming state of the country warrants me in

[1] The Indian troubles here referred to had grown out of the rush of miners to the Thompson River Country. Colonel Steptoe had been ordered north to protect the whites and had been defeated at the Battle of Steptoe Butte on May 17. The charges against the Jesuit missionaries of interference in Indian affairs were common at this time. Bancroft, *opus citra*, pp. 178-183, 209-210. Meany, *opus citra*, p. 213.

forwarding an express from this place to yourself and the Supt Ind Affrs. I have made some inquiries relative to the peace mission Father Joset said he had been sent on. The Indians say he went without their authority and think it strange that he should meddle with things that does not concern him. I had my fears of your being thrown off your guard from representations made you by the Father as emanating with [from] the Indians. There is no authority for his mission whatever. When at your post we talked about the report in circulation relative to his furnishing the Indians amunition, I will now state to you what I have since heard from the Coeur D'Alleines themselves regarding the same thing I met on my arrival here the Coeur D'Alleine chief with some ten of his tribe mounted on the U. S. horses taken from your command in May last. They had brought some of the U. S. Mules over to sell, the H. B. Co bought some of them private individuals did the same thing. I told the gent in charge H. B. Co post that I had no authority to stop it but I did not think it right to furnish a musket for Stolen property to the enemy. They are after amunition whether the H. B. Co trades them any or not I cant say, but the Gents of the Company do say and told me so that there was no life for them if they refused the Indian amunition. Well this party of Couer D'Alleines tell different tales, one voluntarily said that the Father not only furnished them amunition but told them to have but one heart and let that be to fight, others deny the Fathers furnishing any amunition at all. The Fathers sympathies for his Indian flock may lead him into error. In a conversation at Colville with Mess[rs] Harris & Chase before leaving for Walla Walla he sneered at the Idea of Col Steptoe conquering the Indians with 1000 men. he [Joset] said that the Indians could take to the mountains subsist on game, and cut [9] off your command in detail. I have recommended in strong terms that the mission be ordered from the country until peace and quiet is restored. I see no good resulting from their labours or the present state of affairs would not exist. The Indians have received many advantages from their [the missionaries] being in the country which they do not deserve. If the Departmt thinks it best after the Indian is brought to his proper senses to let the Priests return and occupy their posts again for the Spiritual benefit of the Indian it is well but at present I think it is best for them to be out of the Country. I had quite a lengthy talk with some Indians here some three evenings ago which lasted untill dawn. The Coeur D'Alleine heart was completely laid open. They say if Col Steptoe has any propositions

to make they will consider them. If you want peace you can have it, But if you want war you shall be accomodated to the Knife. Propositions for one or the other must emanate from you. Col. do not allow yourself to be mislead by any friendly message that may be sent you. I believe it will be done through designing men with a white surface but a black Core, for the purpose of decoying you into the Country again with a small force. A Military commission here would have work for some days not with the Indians but with the wretched Canadians and half breeds who I sincerely beleive are at the bottom of most of the disturbance. I am safe only with an escort of friendly Indians to get out of the Valley & then not too safe. The war whoop is heard from one end of the valley to the other. Indians painted and looking more like demons than human beings are prowling about in squads armed to the teeth, revolvers under their blankets, Bows & Iron pointed arrows in their hands. *Never Never* until you have made a most serious demonstration on these Indians will peace and order reign. The ½ breeds and Canadians have no fear of the Indians, it is Col Steptoes troops that fills their hearts with terror. I leave today with my party and Indian allies to meet the Coeur D' Allein Spokan, & Poilsh Indians at the Schutes of Spokan river — I feel myself far from [10] being safe but duty calls me. I hope all may be for the best. George Montour the carrier of this express I have instructed to visit you in person he is a ½ breed but a worthy and reliable man you can get from him much valuable information which I have no hesitation in saying you can rely upon most implicitly. I told him you would have many things to question him about and to tell you nothing but plain facts. Should his animals be tired on reaching your post will you be Kind enough to procure for him from the Q. M. Dept animals to carry him to the Dalls he can turn them over to Capt Jordan for the time he will be absent at Salem, and then ride them back to your post

Respctfully &c
Jno Owen Supt Flat Head Nation W. T.

To Col E J Steptoe U. S. A.
Comdg Fort Walla Walla

Owen to Nesmith regarding His Council with the Hostiles

[10] Camp on Spokane River July 16. 1858

My Dear Colonel.

I have just returned from one of the blackest councils, I think,

that has ever been held on the Pacific slope. Five hundred fighting men were present elated with their recent success; the dragoon horses were prancing around all day: the scalp and war dance going on all night long. I am fully awake to the sense of my position as agent. The Indians told me they had nothing against me as a private individual. They look on me as a spy, passing through the country for the benefit of Col Steptoe below. In the council they asked me what I wanted to go to the Flatheads for; and told me that if I used any exertions to prevent them from making common cause with the Indians on this side they would have a dark Eye on me.

"Let Steptoe come; bring plenty of men; it will be dark, too dark to see; father and son will fall together. [11] We will meet him on Snake river; burn the grass around and before him. We want more fine horses; the Soldiers are the people we want to take them from. Steptoe may want peace; has he sent you here to ask for it? If so, let us know on what terms. We will consider his proposition; *perhaps* we will make peace." They want all the Americans to leave the country and, at the request of some trusty men, I have cautioned the Miners in this section and have advised them to withdraw. In the present issue about to come off, the Hudson Bay Company must take one side or the other. I have suggested to Col Steptoe the propriety of taking possession of Colville; stop the trade, and you reach the Indian in a tender place. The Indians are loaning them Sixty horses to go out to Fort Hope with for supplies, and I have not the least doubt but that it is done with a view of getting ammunition for the use of them when the brigade returns, which will be sometime in September. I am more strongly in favor now than when I last wrote of sending the Priests out of the country for the present. Let Col Steptoe come this time full; he will now have a formidable enemy to meet; preparations are going on the whole length and breadth of the country for war. They told me they wanted war. I fear Spokan Garry; he will be forced, in my opinion, to make common caus with the enemy. No time should be lost in getting possession of Colville; a very important point will be gained; a company of riflemen can hold it after putting a few days work upon it. The H B Co it is true can trade for powder and ball at the new post, but it will be difficult for parties of Indians to reach it if Colville is in possession of troops. As Agent here I see no good that I can do unless I am supported. They threaten in strong terms of holding me as hostage until Col Steptoe makes his appearance in

the country again and I did not venture to visit the Camp until the ground ground was sounded by George Monteur before I started — most of the principal men I know personally, and have for years. Some can be trusted to the last, others not. I should most deeply regret if the few deserving ones should meet the same fate as those who are now cocked & primed for war.

[12] They have annoyed me and my party in every possible way except firing on us, and that has been threatened. A few faithful men [Indians] never lose sight of me, day or night. They go with me to the crossing of the river some two camps further on. Such men deserve a very liberal consideration by the department. I have made them some presents by drawing on the H. B. Co. on my own private account. To one chief I gave some eight hundred pounds of beef, some flour & tobacco for his people, to others I have given tobacco & clothing only. The Indians know what to expect. They have their Spies on Steptoes camp. I feel for the issue. I tremble, fearing that the Colonel may be called into the field with too small a force. My horse was stolen at the council Camp. It is the tenth including two mules I have had stolen since reaching here, One Mule, taken from me day before yesterday, was gambled off in the Council Camp the night I reached there. I was in a delicate position. I never want to be in another such. If Steptoe is in the field this fall, in force, I would again like to visit those Indians. I could then show them the folly of throwing my words away — as I told them they had done, and would be made deeply to repent — It was as much as my head was worth to tell them such things, in their present enraged state of mind. If the Americans of the Valley do not listen to my caution, I fear there will be no life for them. They have Steptoes name pat — "Tell Steptoe to come; we dare Steptoe to come; &c." You can form but little idea of the state of things here except by visiting the camp. Let me again ask and request of you to treat the faithfull George Monteur as I requested in my last. The Indians object to this express going down, but the faithful George has thrown [them] off the track, and I do sincerely hope will be able to tread his dangerous path with safety. I have again had to make other purchases of provisions and tobacco, which I have distributed to the friendly camp and fed to my allies who have been faithfull to me through the trying scenes that I have just passed. I hope I may [13] be ordered to do something for the bands that justly deserve the liberal consideration of the department. Evil designing men fill their heads with what they ought to expect

for their faithfullness. They are Indians, it is true, but at the same time are human beings. Write me fully by return express. God send that the present dissatisfaction may not reach the Flatheads. Messengers have already been sent, requesting them to join in the common cause of exterminating the white tribes. I will write you again at my earliest opportunity.

I am Respectfully Your Obdt Svt
JOHN OWEN Special Agent Flathead Nation

To Col J. W. NESMITH Supt Ind Affs
Oregon & Washington Terri Salem Oregon

OWEN TO NESMITH CONCERNING HIS WORK AND TRAVEL AMONG THE INDIANS

[13] Office Flat Head Agency
Fort Owen W. T. Sept. 18. 1858

Dear Sir

I wrote you last from Spokan river July 16 by George Monteur expressman. I am uneasy about him he was to have returned here immediately but I have heard nothing of him After starting the express I went to see Paul-Lot-E-Kon the only Spokan chief that had not met me in council at Schutes of Spokan river. I have Known him for eight years and always looked upon him as strong friend of the white man. I was astonished when I heard he had been in the attack against Col Steptoe. I had seen him but a short time before the fight took place, from what I could learn I believe he was lead into the fight by his son who is married to a daughter of Onahi the Yakima. He made no effort to excuse himself, said he would give me a safe conveyance through his country. Had no objection to me, but did not want to see any more soldiers in the country. I thanked him for the Kindness extended to me and endeavoured to show him the foolishness of [14] of the undertaking they were about to embark in, the exterminating of the Soldiers. He however seemed very confident of success. After my visit to Paul Lot E Kon I rejoined my camp which I had left in charge of my Indian allies, my line of march was by Pen d'Orielle lake the Couer d'Alleine Indians having refused me a safe convoy through their country. The chiefs said they had no objection but was afraid the young men would molest me. In fact my Spokan friends advised me not to think of passing that way. The water was high and I was satisfied that the

rout by the lake would be attended not only with difficulties but dangers. I reached Pen d' Orielle Bay safely, but my camp was entered during the night and seven horses that I had bought a few days before on a/c of the dept were Stolen. With all my vigilance up to the time of my late writing you I had lost twelve (12) head of animals including two mules. I was compelled to purchase animals to prosecute my journeys and still continue nightly watches in the camp. After reaching the Bay at which point I met a friendly band of lower Pen d' Oriells I relaxed my vigilance by allowing the guard to turn in after midnight, the result of which was the loss of the seven animals taken by a party of Colville Indians that had been on my track for some days which I only learned after they had secured the animals and rode them off. The Pen d'Orielle became alarmed as to our safety said it was not safe for me to remain any longer in the neighborhood. They well knew I could not pass the lake yet with my packs. I might with difficulty pass the Animals around loose, They agreeing to furnish me with four bark Canoes with two men in each for five dollars per day each canoe — saying they would meet the party at the different arms and bays of the Lake and ferry them over. I had no alternative but to accept their offer. not that I considered the charge exorbitant — but that my [15] remaining longer on the confines of the hostile Indians Country was unsafe for myself and party. From adverse winds on the Lake I was detained until the tenth day reaching its head. I paid the Indians the amount agreed upon with which they seemed satisfied. They had worked hard and justly earned the sum. After reaching the head of the Lake I felt myself pretty secure. Had the water been low my safety would not have been to certain. The rout was horrid. I came very near drowning two of my men but for the timely assistance of the Indians with the Canoes all would have been over with them. I had many talks with the Indians on the way and was astonished myself to find they had so light a conception of the strength of the white man. They think the whole white tribe has emigrated from the East to the West. I reached this point on the 6th ultimo without any further molestation from the Indians. I met the Flat Heads encamped at the Fort they seemed delighted to see me rumors having reached them of my being rob'd and [the] party scalped. Victor the head chief I found sick confined to his bed and he still lingers in a very critical condition. I fear he will never recover. I delivered him your message he was glad to hear from his Great Father. Tell my white father says he that he need

never fear the firmness and friendly feeling of the Flat Head Nation. I told him you had authorized me to make them some presents not exceeding in amount one thousand dollars. The camp was destitute of many things to enable them to go on their Summer hunt. They said the amount would not go far in this country. I told them I would have brought the presents from the Dalles had the country been safe. That goods cost less there. But all the property I had started with had been expended on the way for conciliatory purposes and paying my expenses in reaching home. I asked them how they would [16] like the amount laid out to receive the most benefit from it as a tribe. The answer was get us one half the amt in amunition and tobacco that we much need, the other half open us a field with and get us a plow we will sow wheat and have flour to eat as Buffalo are growing scarce. We thank our great father for so Kindly thinking of us, he will probably do something for us yet for we are very poor. Our white father and friend Interkiacum (meaning Gov Stevens) whom we saw three snows ago said he would. His words begin to have some feeling in them now. I told them I would do as they wished which I thought would meet the approval of their father. I bought them Amunition, Tobacco, Knives, Pans a few Shirts and such things as they to my own Knowledge require. They also stood in need of a Blacksmith to mend their Traps, Guns Kettles, Axes &c one was fortunately in the country out of work, he agreed to work for them Keep their Plow in order and do anything in his line for them for the rate per month of Five Hundred dollars a year, which amounts to $41.$\frac{66}{100}$ per month which I thought reasonable enough inasmuch as he was also willing to take his axe when there was no work in the Shop and make rails for their field, also assits them in plowing & attending the crop. Some of these people are anxious to farm & all they require is a little assistance and encouragement to put their wishes in force. The Camp is now off for Buffalo excepting the old chief Victor and three Lodges the expenses of feeding the old chief will devolve on the agency he justly merits it from the Government. Now in his destitute & helpless condition it is nothing more than humanity. After reaching the agency and taking a few days rest I left with a few of these Indians for Fort Benton to be present at the payment of the Blackfoot annuities. The Indians wished to see the payment & try and secure some lost horses. They were Kindly received by Agent Vaughan [17] who made them some presents in the name of their Great Father they returned well pleased. The Mormon settlement at

Salmon river has been abandoned, report here is that one or two of them were Killed by the Bannac Indians and the rest ran off leaving everything they could not well carry away. Report reached us here a few days ago of a band of Coeur d' Alleine Indians having been seen in the vicinity of Hells Gate. It is my present intention to visit Salmon river and the Indians at Fort Hall they are not altogether quiet, and while [I am] in the vicinity [I intend to] visit Salt Lake with a view of procuring a Couple of plows, and some Iron to work up for these Indians. It is necessary for the Dept to have some Animals here for the use of the Agency say three yoke of Work Cattle and a waggon and a few more pack and riding horses. I have three horses belonging to the Dept. of those I purchased in the Spokan Country. It is impossible for me to do anything satisfactorilly till I am put in funds. I have allready so far advanced my own means in defraying the Expenses of the agency I have engaged Francis La Moosse as interpreter temporarily at the rate of five hundred dollars per anum. The expenses incurred in hiring animals for my different visits to the Indians will soon amount to what will pay for them. good horses can be bought for fifty dolls each Work Cattle per yoke $125.00. I still continue the two men in the employ of the Dept as laborers that left the Dalls with me in June last. I am paying them $40.00 per month and finding them. Equipages such as Pack Saddles, Riding saddles, Pichamores, Parfeches, Cords. I have purchased on a/c of the Dept. inasmuch as there was nothing of the Kind belonging to this Agency. The property I expended on my way up for ferrages, p[r]esents to Indians for concilliating purposes. Pay to the Indians that escorted me to Pend' D' Orielle Bay and sundry other such expenditures all of which I deemed necessary for the good of the service I could take no vouchers for you are well aware that [while] travelling through an Indian Country it is almost [18] impossible to get vouchers for all expenditures made. I shall make out a fair statement of what [I] paid & on what a/c which I will have certified to by responsible persons that were present with me. I can do no more. I sincerely hope the Dept will take a liberal view of the matter and act upon the a/cs promptly —

Respectfully Your Obt Servt
John Owen Special Agent Flat Head Nation

To Col J. W. Nesmith Supt Ind Affs
O & W Terrs.

COMMISSIONER DENVER TO OWEN EXTENDING HIS AUTHORITY IN CONNECTION WITH THE NORTHWESTERN INDIANS AND PLACING THE NATIVES OF THE CAYUSE DISTRICT IN HIS CARE *

Department of the Interior,
Office Indian Affairs,
November 17, 1858.

JOHN OWEN, Esq.,
Care Supt. I. W. NESMITH, Salem, Oregon Ty.
Sir,

With the approbation of the President, you have been appointed by the Secretary of the Interior, Sub-Agent for the Indians of the Cayuse District, in Washington Territory; and I herewith transmit your Commission.

Should you accept the appointment, you will take the oath of office and execute the enclosed bond in the penal sum of $5,000 with one or more sureties, whose sufficiency must be certified by a United States District Judge or Attorney, and the oath of office, of which the form is attached, to the bond, must be taken before such Judge or a Justice of the Peace; in the event of its being taken before a Justice his official character must be certified by the proper court or office under seal.

Your compensation will be at the rate of one thousand dollars per annum, to commence when you shall have qualified and entered upon the discharge of your duties.

You will deposit the oath of office and bond with Superintendent Nesmith, for transmission here, who, upon finding that they are satisfactory, will give you all necessary instructions. All of your official correspondence must be conducted through him, and any instructions which the Department may at any time find necessary to issue to you will be done through him.

The Superintendent will be instructed to direct William Craig, Esq., whose place you are appointed to, to turn over to you all moneys, books, papers, and other public property in his hands, upon executing receipts for the same.

Very Respectfully, Your Obdt Servant,
J. W. DENVER, *Commissioner.*

DENVER TO NESMITH EXPLAINING THAT OWEN IS NOT TO TAKE OVER THE NEZ PERCÉ AGENCY AS WELL AS THE CAYUSE DISTRICT, BUT IS TO RETAIN HIS HEADQUARTERS AMONG THE FLATHEADS.*

Department of the Interior,
Office Indian Affairs,
November 18th, 1858.

J. W. NESMITH, Superintendent, &c.,
Salem, Oregon Ty.
Sir,

If in your judgment the public interest, and the maintenance of peace with the Indians, requires the presence of Indian agents among the Nez Perces, Spokanes and the tribes in their vicinity, you are hereby authorized, in the exercise of a sound discretion, to send a special agent among the Nez Perces whose salary shall be at the rate of $1,000 per annum, and also a special agent among the Spokanes, and the tribes in the vicinity, whose salary shall be at the rate of $1,000 per annum, both salaries chargable to the appropriation of Incidental expenses of the Indian Service in the Territories of Washington and Oregon.

With reference to Mr. John Owen, of whose appointment, as successor of Sub-agent Craig, you have been apprized, under yesterday's date, it must be distinctly understood that he is not to take the place of Mr. Craig, as Sub-agent of the Nez Perces, but is to remain at his present post among the Flatheads.

Very Respectfully, Your Obdt. Servant,
J. W. DENVER, Commissioner.

1859

OWEN TO FATHER HOECKEN REGRETTING HE HAS KEPT THE MISSIONARY'S COPY OF LINGARD'S HISTORY OF ENGLAND FOR FOUR YEARS UNDER A MISAPPREHENSION, AND OFFERING TO BUY IT FOR $25.00 * *

Office Flat Heat Agency
Fort Owen W. T. January 10/59

Revd. Father HOECKEN
Sup. St. Ignatius Mission
Dear Sir

I must acknowledge that I was not a little surprised when

informed by Revd. Father Minatry that you requested the return of Lingard's England. I must have been laboring under an egregious hallucination for I certainly was under the impression that the work was by your kindness presented to my meagre collection. If you will refer to my letter if on file acknowledging the receipt of the work by old "Peire" you will certainly arrive at the same conclusion. Fearing I may be laboring under the same mistake relative to Dr. Gunns Domestic Medicines & Father Oswald I return them also by same conveyance. Should you have any disposition to dispose of Lingard's England I will pay you Twenty five ($25) dollars for it. I sincerely regret my retaining and depriving you of the work for over four years. The only apology I have to offer is that I was laboring under a mistake. For your kindness to Mr ———— [?] during his recent visit to the Mission please accept my thanks. I send Sacks to put my wheat in which I will send for at the earlst moment. Please send up the Mission "Act" against the Fort. If you would rather have the money than the articles referred in kind you have only to say so.

Respt Your Obdt. Servant
JNO. OWEN

OWEN TO H. DUNLAP GIVING DIRECTIONS WHEREBY DUNLAP MIGHT GET INTO TOUCH WITH B. MORGAN, THE FUR TRADER AND TRAPPER.**

Office Flat Head Agency
Fort Owen M. T. Feb'y. 23, 1859

MR. H. DUNLAP Esq.
Dear Sir

Your communication of Mar. 10" 1858 was recd last fall. As regards your enquiries relative to Mr. B Morgan Esqr. I refer you to Gent. of the two upper Mo. river forts — Fort benton & Campbell. A letter to Morgan by the boats that leave St. Louis every spring directed care Malcolm Clark Esq. I think would reach him. I saw him last fall he was well and I think intended starting off on a trapping expedition to the North.

Respt. Your Obt. Sevt.
JNO. OWEN.

OWEN TO CAPTAIN PLEASANTON RESENTING GENERAL HARNEY'S ATTITUDE

[18] Fort Vancouver W. T. May 28. 1859

Captain

Your letter of this date is received and I am somewhat startled and surprised at its singular manner. While I do not by any means intend to acknowledge the right of Brigadier General Harney[2] to interrogate me me in the style he has in the letter referred to I will still take pleasure to inform him that I have acted and am still acting under the instructions and orders of the Indian Department of which I am an Agent. My actions have met with the express approbation of the late Superintendent Col J W Nesmith I hold documents in my possession that show my authority. I regret exceedingly if any act of mine has produced doubt and Confusion in the minds of the Indian Chiefs who are here with me. I have not sought to engender it but have desired simply to perform my duty. I would be pleased to have an interview with the General when it may be convenient. It is possible I may be able to explain my conduct so as to meet even his approbation

I am Very Respectfully Your Most Obt Sevt
JNO OWEN Spl Agt. Flat Head Nation

ALFRED PLEASANTON[3] Cap't 2nd Dragoons U. S. A.
A Asst Adjt Genl U. S. A

OWEN TO GEARY IN EXPLANATION OF HIS REFUSAL TO OBEY HARNEY

[19] Salem Oregon June 2nd 1859

Sir

Herewith I have the honor to transmit you Copy of Correspondence between Brigadier Genl Harney U. S. A. & Myself of the 28th Ultimo Fort Vancouver W. T. relative to My authority for bringing down the chiefs of the upper country on a Visit to Supt of Ind affairs

The Genl claims to have Sent the Revd Father De Smet last

[2] General W. S. Harney was placed in command of the newly formed Military Department of Oregon in September, 1858. *Ibid.*, p. 212.

[3] Captain Pleasanton was a warm personal friend of Owen. This letter is as much personal as official.

Winter into the upper country for the purpose of collecting these chief's & bringing them down to See him. I replied with all due coutesy to his first Note Not sigining [?] his right to interrogate Me in the Style he did however but Still Showing My Willingness to give him all the information desired if an [interview?] was granted. You will see by his Second & last Note I am directed to have Nothing More to do With the chiefs of the tribe belonging to the Nation in My Charge as their Agent. I feel Myself Moraly bound for the Safe return of these Chiefs to their people. You will readily perceive the Embarrassing condition it places me in The Indians being Strangers & in a Strange country & I to whom they very Naturaly look to for protection forbid by a Brigd Genl of the U. S. A. to have any thing More to do with them

I will State for Your own information the fact that My party was organised & on the March (the chief's having Expressed a Wish to Visit their father & have a talk) before it was Known that the Revd Father De Smet was in the Country how then & upon what ground can Genl Harney Make the Charge of My taking the Chief's that he had Sent for from under the care of the Revd Father. I do Not Know as it is Necessary for Me to Say any thing More at present My Conscience acquits Me in the discharge of My duty & I will submit the whole Matter into your hands for proper adjustment. One thing however I would wish & that is that the lines be drawn in such a Way that the two Depts will [20] not conflict or come in collision

I am Sworn to obey the orders & carry out the instructions of the President of the U. S. & My Superior the Supt of Ind Affairs for this district Genl Harney orders I am Not supposed to obey. But it will Ever afford Me pleasure to Communicate to him any thing that May promote the general good of the Service when I have it in My power so to do. With all due deference to the High position held by Genl Harney & with feelings of high regard for the Pioneer Missionary the Revd Father De Smet

I remain Your Very humble & obt Sevt
JNO OWEN Ind Sub Agt In Charge Flathead Nation W. T.

To E. R. GEARY Esqr[4] Supt Ind Affairs &c
Salem Oregon

[4] Geary had been appointed superintendent of Indian affairs in the spring of 1859. For many years he was prominent in the history of Oregon. H. H. Bancroft, *History of Oregon*, v. II (Works, v. XXX, San Francisco, 1888), pp. 461, 681, 698.

OWEN TO MAJOR LUGENBEEL ABOUT A PIONEER IN BAD REPUTE

[21] Office Flathead Agency
Fort Owen W. T. Augst 3rd 1859

Sir

Louis Brown the bearer of this was up to the time of the late Indian disturbances a resident of Colville Valley. Last fall he left for this Section of Country fearing he Might be arrested by the Military force then on its March under Col. Wright 9th Infty U. S. A. on reports then in circulation against him and his Son detrimental to the public Service.

My advice to him is that in the Event of his feeling Satisfied that the injurious reports were circulated through Malice & Without foundation his best plan is to return to Colville & Visit You in Your official Capacity & have the whole Matter thoroughly investigated.

I assure him he Need have No fears as to the justice of Your decision upon the testimony that May be brought to bear in the case

Respt Your obt Sevt
JNO OWEN Ind Sub agt In charge Flathead Nation W. T.

To Bvt Major PINKNEY LUGENBUL[5] U. S. A.
Comdng Post Colville Valley W. T.

OWEN TO GEARY ON THE WISDOM OF KEEPING THE GOVERNMENT'S PROMISES TO THE INDIANS

[22] Office Flathead Agency
Fort Owen W. T. Augst 16" 1859

Sir

I reached My post on the 14" ultimo & am happy to State found all things quiet with the tribes of this Nation. Some Bannacs a few days before My return had Made a predatory Excursion here & run off Some 100 head of horses belonging in part to the Indians & Whites of this Valley.[6] You are aware that there is No agent among the Snakes or Bannacs I Visited them last fall Myself at Fort

[5] For Major Lugenbee's activities see Bancroft, *Washington, Idaho, and Montana*, pp. 199, 411.

[6] For an account of these troubles see *Depredations and Massacres by the Snake River Indians* in United States House of Representatives, Ex. Doc., No. 46, 36th Cong., 2nd Session.

Plate XXVI

FORT OWEN AS IT IS TODAY: THE MOST INTERESTING EXISTING RELIC OF THE PIONEER WEST

A view of the Inner Side of the Barracks. The adobe structure built by Owen and here shown is about 100 feet long, and in direction stretches from north to south. It faced inward toward the courtyard of the fort, and a similar but longer structure stood opposite it, across the ground shown in the picture. That other side of the Fort has now crumbled away, and its location is represented by a wide ridge composed of the disintegrated adobe bricks.

From a photograph taken for this work in September of 1924.

Plate XXVI

Fort Owen As It Is Today: The Most Interesting Existing Relic
of the Pioneer West

a photograph taken for this work in September of 1924.

of the disintegrated adobe bricks.

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Hall but Saw only a few of them the Majority of them being off hunting for Meat. I Strongly recommend that an agent be appointed for them & suggest that Salmon river be a Suitable point for the Agency.

The Indian is becoming daily More & More unsettled Some of them alarmingly So, But a few Years [ago] We had but one Common Enemy the Blackfeet. They are Now quiet & Enemies have grown out of former friendly tribes. Numerous causes have brought about the present State of affairs. The Indian is Naturally alarmed at the inroads Made by the White Man into their Country. They Say we Will all be Swallowed by the White tribe. What is to become of us, roads are being Made through our Country, our Game is growing Scarce. Many promises have been Made us by the agents of our Great Father None of Which have been complied with. Many Such complaints are daily Made. In fact it is Common Camp talk. I shall do My utmost to quiet their fears. I have assured them that their Great Father has listened to them. That the treaties Made by Gov. Stevens have at last been confirmed & Next Year they May look for their Annuities & Every thing promised them in the treaty. They Say we are Now to Wait another Year. May be we will be disappointed again. Let Me here suggest that Every Step Necessary should be taken to urge [23] Congress the Necessity of appropriations being Made as Early as possible for carrying out the treaty Stipulations. Should it be defered until the last days of a tedious Session it May be too late to put things in operation here until another Year Do Not let us try the patience of these Indians any longer. Their Confidence in the promises of Govt. officials is already on the Wane. Should we Shake it to the foundation I tremble for the result.

Victor the head Chief of the Nation is still an invalid & I fear will Never recover his former good health, Strength, & Spirits. I Encouraged Some of the Indians here last Spring in Sowing Wheat & I am happy to State to you that they are highly Elated With the prospect of a plentiful harvest. There is Now under fence & in Wheat & potatoes in the Valley over one hundred Acres all of which promises a bountiful Yield. I would like to have orders if You think proper to Commence opening the farm Contemplated in the treaty So that the Indians can have the benefit of it Next Year. Should I have to Wait until after the Meeting of Congress & the Necessary appropriations [are] Made it will be too late to get the fencing up & Crops in

for Next Year. Such a Step would have a great tendency to Conciliate the Indians & Would go far to Convince them of the honest intentions of the Govt. toward them. They feel convinced that they Must depend upon other Means for their Subsistence beside the Buffalo which are Yearly growing less in point of Numbers. They Neither find them in such herds or as close as in former Years. And Still another thing should be considered. They are promised their Annuities Next Year It will be a great Saving to the Dept. to Send the Annuities by the Mo river & it is only once a Year that Steamers leave St Louis for the Upper Mo. The Steamer with the Blackfoot annuities came this Year as far as Fort Benton [24] which would Make Something less than 300 Miles land carriage from that point to this. The Dept pay the Am. fur Company Some 10 ¾ cts pr lbs frt from St Louis to that point. You can form Some Estimate of the Expense that would be incurred the other Way When the Govt pays on Stores from Vancouver to Walla Walla $100.00 pr ton & from there to this place some 700 Miles land carriage through a Mountainous Country Would Naturaly involve a very heavy Expense. I Merely suggest these things that You May have ample time to consider them. It is Not my Wish to Make any outlay in advance of the Necessary appropriations being Made by Congress But we are far in the interior & can only be reached at certain Seasons of the Year. What Benefit would appropriations Made be to us here were it too late in the Season to apply them. The Means Would Merely lay idle in the Treasury & the Indian disappointed which would result Much to the detriment of the Service. Situated as I am I See all these things in the proper light And I will again urge that Every thing be done to confirm what has already been promised. I shall [go] to Morrow Morning to Visit & have a talk with Lt. Mullan in the Coeur D'Aleine Country. The Flathead tribe will leave about the last of this Month for their Summer & fall hunt After My return I shall again Make a trip to the South toward Salmon river & fort Hall & have a talk with What Snake & Bannac Indians I can find. They are far from being quiet. I wish I had a few presents for them. I shall Keep you fully advised of things in this Section.

I have the honr &c

Jno Owen Ind Sub Agt &c &c

To E. R. Geary Esqr Supt Ind affairs &c
Salem Oregon

FROM OWEN, PROBABLY TO GEARY, ON THE DISCONTENT AND ALARM OF THE INDIANS

[30] Office Flathead Agency
Fort Owen W. T. Oct 10" 1859

Sir

On reaching My post after Visiting Lieut Mullan I find things Not as quiet as I Would Wish in this particular district. The impression in Circulation abroad is that this Entire Country is thrown open for Settlement under the treaty of 1855 White Settlers are coming in & others are daily Expected. Many of the Men at this time Engaged with Lt. Mullan Expressed to Me their intention of Settling in this Valley. The Indians have Serious objections. They have themselves large bands of Animals and Say there is Not More pasturage than they would like to have for themselves. They very Naturaly Construe the XI Article of the treaty of 1855 in Such a Way as to prevent any whites Not in the Service of the Ind Dept from Settling in the Bitter Root Valley South of the Lolo's fork.[1] Capt. Richard Grant a Canadian & formerly of the Hudson Bay Co arrived here a few days ago with a large band of horses & Cattle Numbering Some 300 head. A Mr Du Chaum [Charme] of Champoeg Willamette Valley also arrived in the Neighborhood a short time Since with Bag & Baggage. These things can Not be checked too Soon The Indians are growing daily More & More alarmed they Say & Very justly [here several lines of manuscript are torn away]

[31] a dilatory & Negligent Congress which controls all. There is but little Satisfaction in being an Agent under the Circumstances & I candidly believe it is nothing but My long residence & Straight Course which I have invariably adopted with these Indians that render My living among them of any use whatever. My brain [though] fertile as it Sometimes is has been Seriously taxed for Excuses to Cover the tardiness of the Govt. I have Endeavored to take the blame Entirely upon Myself until I went so far as to warrant the Indians in doubting My friendly feelings. It is hard to Make them understand why their annuities did Not come when I tell them that

[1] The interpretation of the Treaty of 1855 was long a source of trouble. The Flatheads contended that their reservation should be in the Bitter Root Valley, while the United States insisted it should be in the valley around Flathead Lake. In 1872, by the terms of the "Garfield Treaty," a part of the Flatheads under Alee or Arlee went to the government reservation but the Chief Charlot stubbornly refused to move until starved into submission in 1891. Palladino, *opus citra* (1892), pp. 59, 60, 64-68.

their treaty has been ratified. It will Not be Safe for another Year to pass & the provisions of the treaty Not complied With. I have already apprised you of that fact in a former Communication. The blame shall Not rest at My threshold I will leave No Step untaken that will have a tendency to conciliate the Indians under My Charge. The Pends O'Reille are Situated 60 Miles Nth of this also the Kootenays I deem it Necessary that a local Agent Should be apptd for them whose duty it will be to keep Me apprised of their Movements. The St Ignatius Mission is located among them I have aptd H. M. Chase a very reliable Man for that place Subject to your approval I futher More ask as Essential to the peace & quiet of the country together with the Exigencies of the Service that Said apt. be approved. Situated as we are here in the center of the Ind World Surrounded on all Sides by hostile tribes it is very important that we have here in this Neighborhood a Military Post for the purpose if Nothing Else of Maintaining & keeping up friendly relations with the Several tribes. I have No hesitation in Saying that when the road is once open to Benton that this will be the line of travel for the Emigration from the East to Oregon & W. Ter. We are daily threatened with another visit from the Bannacs We are Measurably helpless The Inds of this Agency all [two or three words gone] hunt. The country at [this] time is in a very unguarded con [remainder of letter torn away]

Owen to Father Menatry Conveying a Warning

[27] Office Flathead Agency
Fort Owen W. T. Oct 12" 1859

Revd Father Menity
Dear Sir

Charges of a Very grave character have been prefered against you by Michael Ogden Esqr the Agent for the Hudson Bay Co. An[d] Mr Van Et An of Salt Lake City

Mr Ogden has rights guaranted to him by the U. S. Govt. Mr Van Et An has My permission to pass the Winter in the Jocco plain

I am by the U. S. Govt Supposed to be the person in charge of this district & I do Most Solemly protest against Your having any talks With the Indians relative to their tribal relations With the Govt. You have rights also as a Missionary among the Indians which will be respected So long as you follow the Strict line of duty

I am My Dear Sir Your obt Servt
Jno Owen Ind Sub Agt &c W. T.

Plate XXVII

Fort Owen as It Is Today

A view of the Exterior Wall of the Barracks on the east side. This is the rear of the adobe structure shown on the preceding plate. The adobe bricks used in erecting the building are of varying sizes, some being nearly two feet in length, eight inches broad and four inches thick.

PLATE XXVII

OWEN TO H. M. CHASE ORDERING AN INVESTIGATION OF THE CHARGES AGAINST FATHER MENATRY

[28] Office Flathead Agency
Fort Owen W. T. Oct 12" 1859

H. M. CHASE Esqr
Dear Sir

You will proceed at once to St Ignatius Mission in Company with Mr Ogden & Mr Van Etten & investigate the Charges prefered by them against the Revd Father Monatry the present Superior of the Mission

Mr Ogden charges the Revd Father with unjustly interfering with his rights & privileges as the agent of the Hudson Bay Company Mr Van Etten charges the Revd Father with Meeting him on the Mountain between the Hells Gate Rond & the Jocko plain & forbidding him to Winter on the Jocko plain at a point designated in his permit from Me. They both Say that the Revd Father is using influences with the Indians of this Nation Much to the detriment of the Service & the White Settlers of the Country. Report is in general Circulation also that a Cabin Erected by Louis Brown on the Jocko river last Winter Was this Summer destroyed by the Indians Chief Alexander at the instigation of the Revd Father. Other reports are in Circulation to the Effect that the Revd Father places upon the treaty Made with the Confederate tribes of this Nation Constructions which if insisted upon by the Missionary will thwart the Views of the U. S. Govt & the Ind Dept. To all of these and Some Minor charges they both are willing at any time to be qualified. In Your intercourse with the Revd Father you will be careful Not to insist upon any of the charges that you feel Satisfied can Not be Sustained by Evidence of an undoubted Character.

The Revd Father being a foreigner & Not familiar with our institutions May Say [29] to the Indians Many things without Knowing they directly come in collision with the Views & Wishes of the Ind Department

It is Nothing More than liberal to put a constructions upon his Movements & talks With the Indians that will Warrant the belief that it is More attributal to Errors of the head than of the Heart

You will Say to the Revd Father that it is My Wish & intention to remove from the reservation when once permanently fixed all persons obnoxious to the Indians as well as those who in My Estimation Exercise a deleterious influence by Example or otherwise

Your Respt &c
JNO OWEN Ind Sub Agt &c &c

Owen to Geary Recommending a Policy Relating to Treaty Stipulations

[32] Office Flathead Agency
Fort Owen W. T. Oct 15" 1859

Sir

In order that the Dept May have ample time to act in regard to the fulfilment of the treaty Stipulations with the Flathead Nation I have the honor to Make the following Suggestions

First. Of the thirty Six ($36000.) thousand Dollars first installment due the Flatheads Not Exceeding fifteen ($15000) thousand Dollars to be invested in presents for the first Year & the greater portion of that in Blkts, Cloths, heavy Cotton Ammunition Tobacco Tin Ware &c &c But very little is Necessary for provisions, Sugar & Coffee they are fond of particularly of Sugar but they are very improvident with it having No care for the future. Sufficient rice for a feast is all that is Necessary

Second. Say invest Ten ($10000) thousand dollars of the remainder in hand [?] Stock & American Mares in order that the Ind can improve their present Stock by Making proper crosses &c Such an investment would be one of permanent utility & would not only please but redond to the common interest of the Nation

Third. The remaining Eleven ($11000.00) thousand Dollars to be Kept as a fund to be invested from time to time in Such things as the Indians Mostly require for their promotion & advancement in the Social Scale of life. I certainly do Not think it advisable to give them the whole ($36000.00) the first Year & then have to come down to the provisions of the treaty the Subsequent Years ($6000.00) the difference Would be so great it would in My opinion be difficult to Make the Indian understand [several lines of manuscript here torn away]

[33] Year in freighting the Annuities &c from Fort Benton

I would Suggest this as the Most Economical plan. The least the transportation will cost Via Benton will be 20¢ per pound to this place. I am told by old freighters that a team capable of hauling 4000 lbs can be purchased in the Vicinity of St. Joseph or other Mo river towns for $400.00 which would be 10¢ pr lb for freight. Now the additional 10¢ which it will Cost to put the freight here via Benton will More than Meet all Contingencies hire of teamsters provisions loss of Stock Wear & Tear of Wagons &c &c Which would give the Dept. the Entire train as clear profit. I hope No time will be lost in presenting these things to the dept. in order that we May Not

be disappointed the coming Year. You are Well aware that We are acccessible only Certain Months in the Year

That the Steamer for Fort Benton leaves St. Louis but once a Year & the opportunity should Not be lost as it will involve a very heavy outlay should the property to Sent up from the Pacific

I shall also Want Seed Wheat & Oats as the grain we are Sowing requires changing. It having been in this country some fifteen Years the Wheat harvest would have been good had it Not have been for the Smut which was full ⅓ of the Crop

Respt Yours &c
Jno Owen Ind Sub agt &c &c &c W. T.

To E. R. Geary Esqr Supt Ind affairs &c
Portland Oregon

Owen to Governor Stevens asking Him to intercede in Behalf of Saxa, the Interpreter at Fort Owen, whose Claim growing out of the Blackfoot Depredations was Still Unsettled.**

Office Flat Head Agency
Fort Owen W. T. Nov. 8, 1859

Hon. I. I. Stevens
Dear Sir

Herewith please find claim prefered by Francis Saxa against the Blackfeet for indemnity for horses stolen after the Treaty of 1855. Said claim made out by Agent Lansdale, and now in my possession. Francis is a half breed Flathead and a deserving man. — now my interpreter for this Agency. I have known him since /50 and he has always borne an irreproachable character for truth and honesty. I would like to enlist your services with the Department in his behalf for the payment of his claims. Col. Vaughn the Blackfoot Agent says he can't settle it from the Indian annuities without an order from the "Dept." It is right and just that the complaint should be paid. I think the intercourse law is plain on the subject and covers the case. Francis has lost the use of his animals now going on four years as well as the increase of his mares and growth of the colts. I will take it as a personal favor if through your interception the necessary order can be procured and settlement for Francis no longer delayed.

I have the honor to Remain Your Obdt. Servant
(Signed) John Owen. Spl. Agt. Flat Head Station W. T.

GEARY TO COMMISSIONER GREENWOOD IN PART ADOPTING OWEN'S RECOMMENDATIONS

[122] "Copy"

Office Supt. Ind Affairs
Portland Oregon Decr 22d 1859

Sir

Presuming that the necessary appropriations for carrying into effect the treaty of 16th July 1855 with the Flatheads Kootenay and upper Pend d'Oreiles Indians ratified by the Senate and President on the 18th April last will be made at an early day of the present Congress and as the transportation from this place to the Flathead Agency of many articles required in the commensement of operations will involve an immense outlay. I have to request such purchases be made by you in the East and the Articles Shipped via Saint Louis to Fort Benton

The articles required to, are such as plows, wagons and other farming utencils tools for the Shops of the Carpenter, blacksmith tinner wagon and plow maker and machinery for the Saw and flouring Mills. The extent of the purchase will of course depend upon the price to be paid the extent of the appropriations (yet to be made) the number of the Indians parties to the treaty, and the whole regulated by Sound practical views as to the least and most economical means of carrying out the object of the Treaty. Upon this Subject I respectffuly refer you to Hon Isaac I Stevens, late Supt Indian Affairs for Washington Territory by whom the Flathead treaty was negotated, who possesses an intimate acquaintance with those Indns and their Country and in whose judgement I repose the most entire Confidence

For your information I will State by the sensus of those Indians taken by Gov Stevens in 1855 the Kootenays numbered 500 [123] the Flatheads 500 and the Pend d. Oreilles 700 making a total of 1700, which enumeration is reported by Sub agt Owen (in charge of those Indians) to be less by 300 than their actual number

Very respectfully Your obt Servant
(Signed) EDWARD R. GEARY Supt Ind Affairs

To Hon A. B. GREENWOOD Commissioner &c

1860

Owen to a Settler forbidding the Selling of Liquor

[50] Office Flathead Agency
Fort Owen W. T. Feby 28" 1860

Samuel Martin Esqr
Dear Sir

I regret Exceedingly the Necessity of My having to forbid Your Selling spirituous liquor in the Indian Country. If I Mistake Not last fall You told Me You had but little for Your own use to Which I would have had No objection but Selling it in Such quantities as you have to Silverthorn May be the cause of Serious results

Mr Pelkey can tell you What use Silverthorn Made of it during My absence below

By the 20" Section of the intercourse law if put in force You have forfeited Your whole property one half to the informer the other half to the United States

It is Not My wish or intention to be unnecessarily severe and as a Man wishing You well in the world I will Merely request You Not to let it occur again as I will be compelled to take Notice of it

Respt Yours &c
Jno Owen Ind Sub agt &c &c

Owen to Geary Reporting His Work for the Flatheads

[34] Office Flathead Agency
Fort Owen W. T. March 10"1860

Sir

Your Communications of Oct. 31st & Nov. 31st /59 have been recd. The first was recd Jany 22nd & the last one 1st inst. In pursuant to instructions contained in the first I organised a Small party consisting of two practical farmers & one Mill Wright & proceeded on the 20 ultimo for the Jocko plain for the purpose of Selecting the Most Eligible position for Erecting Mills Buildings for Agency opening farm contemplated in the treaty with the Indians of this Nation. The result of Visit was gratifying in the Extreme. I found at the Mouth of the Jocko Canon a Natural Mill Sight where twenty foot fall can be obtained involving but little Earth Work A fine grove of timber lies adjacent. Some Mile & a half below the

Mill Sight lies a beautiful prairie plateau on the left hand of the Jocko river with Sufficient Elevation to command an Extensive View for Miles plain. Several Hundred acres of arable land lies in one body all of which can be irrigated with Small tributaries of the Jocko

The Winters in this plain are very favorable for Stock. I have also Examined the Conditional reservation South of the Lolo fork & beg leave to report that is well adapted to the Wants of the Flathead tribe. I propose giving the Indians their usual feast to Morrow I have invited Lt. Mullan who is now here to attend. I shall inform them of your contemplated Visit Next Summer which I Most heartily recommend It will I assure you in My Estimation hav a Most Salutary Effect. You will then from personal observation be able to draw Many conclusions which I sincerely hope will hav a tendency to ameliorate the condition of this truly deserving Nation. I regret Exceedingly Not having been able to commence My farming operations last fall On receipt of your instructions it was too late for Me to Commence as it is Necessary to have the grain in the ground as Early in this Month as possible. Peace is again disturbed between the Blkfeet and Pends O Reilles. They are from reports at open War The particulars I have Not learned. By Express that leaves for Benton in the Morning I will Call agent Vaughan's attention to the Matter Without a Military post here it is Very difficult to Maintain peace & quiet in this Mt. region. This Valley is the receptacle [35] of fugitives from justice & they Make it their Special study to cater to the Vices of the Indian thereby ingratiating themselves & Enlisting their Sympathies & poisining their Minds & Subverting the Wishes & Views of the Dept. Law is impotent. The agent Without protection & assistance can do Nothing

I shall leave in accordance with your orders as Soon as the road is practicable Say the last of this Month for Walla Walla. I hope to be able to reach Portland by the 1st of May. We can return in June by the Military road Now being opened by Lieut Mullan.

The route will not be practicable sooner. I Will have the Indians of this Nation appraised of your coming in order that they May be here to Meet You & hear what You May have to Say to them.

I deem it unnecessary to Enter into More detail relative to affairs appertaining to this Nation until I See You in person

Respt Yours &c

Jno Owen Ind Sub agt &c &c W. T.

To E. R. Geary, Esq Supt. Ind. Affairs &c
Portland Oregon

OWEN TO COL. VAUGHAN ON THE BLACKFEET - FLATHEAD HOSTILITIES

[51] Office Flathead Agency
Fort Owen W. T. March 10" 1860

My Dear Col

I Exceedingly regret to hear that the friendly relations Subsisting between the tribes of Your formidable Nation & those of Mine are once More disturbed.

Where does the fault lie? Can Not the Evil be remedied? The particulars as Yet are Not in My possession. Each party will have its own Story. Prompted as I am Col by the dictates of humanity & Justice due the injured party I am Strongly in favor of Summarily punishing the agressors & would ask your hearty Cooperation in the Matter. It places us here in a very alarming Condition. Since the treaty of /55 We have Slumbered in Safety. The former predatory Visits of Your Indians ceased & Now to have them again threatened & by parties too receiving handsome annuities from the Govt. & bound by Sacred treaty Stipulations is intolerable

Please call the attention of Your Indians to the Matter & let Me hear the result of Your investigation.

It will be a happy Moment in My life if by any assistance of Mine the past friendly relations can be reestablished & peace & quiet once More restored

Respt Your obt Sevt
JNO OWEN Ind Sub agt &c &c W. T.

To Col A. J. VAUGHAN U. S. Ind agt. &c
Fort Benton N. T.

OWEN TO GEARY ON STARTING A FARM FOR THE FLATHEADS

[36] Office Flathead Agency
Fort Owen W. T. Mar 25" 1860

Sir

I wrote You 10th inst Via Salt Lake City Express acknowledging receipt of your two Communications of Oct 31st & Nov 30th /59. I then thought it too late to Make any demonstration toward farming

I have however Since upon the urgent request of this the Flathead tribe concluded to give them all the assistance I could at this place in putting in a Small Crop. I Secured the Services of two Men the Indians promising to assist all in their power & I think they will

be able to get fenced & in Wheat Some ten or fifteen Acres which I hope will do well as it will go far toward Encouraging them another time When I last wrote I was under the impression I could leave by 1st Next Month but I fear the road will hardly be practicable on account of Snow You can however look for Me at Portland by the 10" May Nothing preventing

I have purchased animals for the trip that will be in good order for the journey

Respt Yours &c &c
JNO OWEN Ind Sub agt &c &c &c W. T.

To E. R. GEARY Esqr Supt Ind affairs &c
Portland Oregon

GREENWOOD TO GEARY REGARDING THE FLATHEAD ANNUITIES AND OWEN'S WORK IN CONNECTION THEREWITH

[111] "Copy"
Department of the Interior
Office Indian affairs
April 7" 1860

Sir

I have to advise that orders hav been given from this office to the agt. Aptd to procure annuity goods &c for Ind tribes for the Year 1860 Now at the North on that business to purchase for the Flathead Inds & other Confederated tribes in W. Ter. under the provision of the treaty recently ratified by the Senate. Dry Goods Hardware, Agricultral implements & clothing to the amt. of about $20000.00 Copies of the Schedules for which are herewith Enclosed. And also that orders have been given to Supt. Robinson at St. Joseph Mo the location of the office of Supt. of Ind. affairs for the Central Superintendency to purchase provisions & Tobacco for the Same Inds to the following amts. provided they do Not Exceed the Sum of $5000.00 viz 16000 lbs Bro. Sugar 8000 lbs. Coffee 10000 lbs. Pilot Bread 12000 lbs. Rice 4000 lbs. Tobacco

These Supplies for the Flathead Indians will leave Saint Louis about the 1st of May & will probably reach Fort Benton in the Blkfoot country about the 15" of June Next. You are therefore directed to instruct Agent Owen to Make the Necessary arrangements for their transportation from Fort Benton to his agency for distribution & direct him to proceed at once to that point for the

purpose of receiving the Same in due Season to Enable him to arrive there at the time Specified. He will Exercise a judicious Economy in procuring the Means of transportation therefor & if practicable as the course the least Expensive He will obtain the Means at Fort Benton at the lowest Market rates Which Gov. Stevens has informed this office will be about 10¢ pr lb. Remittances will be Made to you So Soon as Estimates therefor are forwarded to this office to Meet the Cost of transportation & other incidental Expenses that May attend it

A. B. GREENWOOD Com Ind affairs

To E. R. Geary Esqr Supt Ind affairs &c

INSTRUCTIONS TO VAUGHAN RESPECTING GOODS DESTINED TO THE AGENCY AT FORT OWEN

[150] "Copy"
Office Supt. Ind. affrs St. Joseph Mo
May 9" 1860

Sir . . . . . .

For the purchases for the Flathead Indians the Supt of Ind. affrs at Portland Oregon will be duly advised & instructed to Send at the proper time the agent for the F[latheads] to Fort Benton for them. You will therefore Store [the goods at?] Your Agency & hold them Subject to the deman[d of the Supt. of] Ind affrs in Oregon or those of the Flathead agt [several words lost]

"Signed" R [————?]
A [————?]

Col. A. J. VAUGHAN U. S. Ind agt &c &c

GEARY TO OWEN WITH ELABORATE INSTRUCTIONS CONCERNING THE INDIANS AND OWEN'S DUTIES

[116] "Copy"
Office Supt Indian Affrs
Portland Oregon May 23d 1860

Sir

I have the honor to inform you that the act of Congress making provisions for the fulfiling of treaty Stipulations with the Flat-

heads and other confederated bands was approved by the President on the 29th of March 1860

I have also information by letter of the 7th April last from the Office of Indian affairs that a large Shipment of suplies for your agency have been purchased in the Eastern Markets and are expected to arrive at Fort Benton about the 3d of June next the list of goods and provisions purchased is herewith enclosed.

The Commissioner of Indian affairs directs me to instruct you to make necessary arrangements for the transportation of said Suplies from Fort Benton to your Agency. and to proceed to Fort Benton for that purpose at the earliest practicable moment. You are also required to exercise a judicious economy in procuring transportation at the lowest markets rates which the Commissioner is informed by Govener Stevens can be obtained at Fort Benton for about 10 Dols per hundred pounds

Should you however deem it economical and that the efficiency of the Service in Your agency will thereby be promoted you are authorized to purchase and fit out a train of pack Mules consisting of 40 animals or more provided the purchases cost of Said train shall not exceed the Sum of five thousand Dollars or in default of Mules you are authorized to purchase a train of Indian ponies to the extent of the same outlay. This train it is conceived by this office might be constantly employed for the transportation of Suplies machinery [117] &c required for fulfilling treaty Stipulations within your agency for at least the two ensuing years and if no longer needed in your agency might be afterwards useful for Similar services in other portions of the Superintendency

Two consideration promp me to regard the purchase of this pack-train with favor as an economical measure. First. it would enable you to take with you from this point (Portland) a larg amount of articles such as tools, Material of construction, impliments of agriculture &c required under the treaty, which may thus go into the earliest operations

In the Second place, it is highly probable that the means of transportation at Fort Benton will be exausted by the Military department now enrout by way of that point to this coast and under command of Maj. Blake. Thus the train proposed to be purchased might be your only resource. You will however be governed by a Sound discretion in the matter as the facts may present themselves and a full examination of the Subject, the restriction as to the cost of purchase already indicated being carefully observed

As many of the articles sent by the Commissioner for the Indians in your Agency for fulfilling treaty Stipulations are in excess and not conceived to be directly adaped to their wants, I would suggest the propriety of reserving a part of Such articles for use on the expidition into the Snake Country and the Council with the Indian tribes of Eastern Oregon next year Should this projected measure receive the aproval and authorization of the Commissioner

By this adjustment a Jarge [118] amount of the first instalment per 4th articles of the treaty of July 16" 1855 might be applied to purposes of permanent utility Such as purchasing Cattle opening farms &c while the costs of the articles diverted to the purpose indicated could be defrayed from appropriations of a general nature that may be placed in the controul of this office

In regard to the erection of buildings for the industrial school and the employment of teachers therefor in view of the fact that instructions regarding the organization of Schools for the Indian tribes are expected from the Commissioner of Ind Affrs. I have to advise that you postpone action for the present

On account of the great difficulty and expense of transporting the necessary machinery from this Side of the Continent, required for the grist Mill to be erected at your agency I deem it best that you defer its construction until next year when the materials can be brought up the Missouri to Fort Benton

The Saw Mill however Should be erected and put in operation as early as practicable in order to make lumber for the Several buildings required I therefore recomend to your consideration the propriety of purchasing therefor the requsite irons and saw immediately, So as to have the Saw mill in operation this Summer

In the appropriation for fulfilling treaties for the current fiscal year by oversight provision has been made for the Salary and the house and farm of but one Chief while the treaty Stipulates for three i e one for the head Chief of each of the Confederated tribes. I observe however in the appropriation bill pending in Congress [119] for the fiscal year ending June 30" 1861 there is a provision adequate to pay salary of two Chiefs but none for enclosing the farms and building the houses Stipulated for. This has doubtless occurred through oversight as the present fiscal year is so nearly closed. I would suggest that you date the initial year of paying salaries to Chiefs on July 1st next. This will adjust the matter of Salary and I will have to ask an additional appropriation to suply the lack as to providing for the opening of the two additional farms

The appointment of Dr Mullen as physician under the Flathead treaty was in accordance with Special instructions from the Commissioner of Ind affr made and approved by letter from this office to you of the 12" June last, his Services to date from the time he should report himself to you at the Agency for duty and his compensation was fixed at the rates of 1200 Dollars per annum to be paid him when Congress should make the proper appropriations therefor Dr Mullen will be entitled to the amount agreed on till the close of this quarter when his Salary must accord with the amount of the specific appropriation until instruction in the premises Shall be received from the Indian Bureau

In regard to the Salary of resident Physicians I will recomend that they be fixed at $1200 per annum this being regarded as the lowest rates at which the services of a competent Physician can be Secured

I would here Say that great Care Should be exercised in selecting the sites of the mills and other buildings so as to secure the objects of their Construction to the greatest possible extent. You will also in view of the fact that all the buildings [120] provided for cannot be erected this season Make a judicious Selection for the immediate construction of such as are most pressingly required

As far as practicable you will employ the Indians as laborers in compensation you will give them such articles as will conduce most to their comfort. I also regard it as of greatest importance to the civilization and improvement of the Indians, that as early as practicable you apportion to each family a tract of land conformeable to the provisions of the treaty to be held in severalty on these tracts you will direct their own efforts in the enclosing of fields and the plowing and planting of the ground impressing them with the conviction that their comfortable subsistance will mainly depend on their industry and willingness to labor under your instructions and those of your subordinates. Of the Several permanent employees provided for by treaty none will be more immediately required than the farmers. These persons should be practical industrious sober moral, and kindly disposed men. This we may say of all the employees on the reservation no dissipated licentious or profane person Should be employed in the Service and delinquents in any of these particulars should be promptly dismissed from the Service. The religious sentiment happily existing in many of the Indians of your Agency should be fostered and encouraged and their attendance on the religious observances of the church as administered by the missionary fathers always allowed on the Sabbath and other proper oc-

casions Great care should be observed to protect the Indians from the corrupting influence arising from intercourse with unprincipaled and licentious whites whom as far as it may be in your power you will prevent from visiting the Indians on the [121] Reservation to which you will endeavor to induce all the Indians embraced in the treaty committed to your administration of their own volation, to remove with the least possible delay. The exercise of coercion in this matter does not seem to be required nor would it be politic at present

I would also place the Rockey Mountains tribes of Shoshones and Banacks under your temporary Supervision. You will as early as practicable after your return to your agency visit their principal Chiefs in the regin of Fort Hall, carrying with you a few suitable presents selected from the goods Consigned to you at Fort Benton and deliver them my message that our great father the President desires that they should be suplied with presents and taught to cultivate the earth and receive the same benefits generally extended to other tribes of his red children. That he desires that they should cease to rob and kill the Indians of the surrounding tribes and live at peace and as brothers with all men red and white you will also inform them that a commissioner of the government myself or some other person appointed by the President will visit them in July next year at a suitable place for a grand council when they will be told the words of the President and have many things designed for their good

As soon as practicable after the performance of this Mission, you will fully advise me as to the disposition of these Indians and the arrangements you may agree on as to the place and time of the Contemplated Conference

Your Obt Servant
"Signed" Edward R. Geary Supt Ind affrs

Maj Jno Owen Sub Ind agt for Flathead Nation W. T.

Owen to Geary Condeming the Goods Sent to the Flatheads in Payment for the Lands Ceded by Them

[37] Office Supt Indian Affairs
Portland Oregon May 25, 1860

Dear Sir

Your communication 23d inst with invoices of purchases made by the Indian Dept on the Eastern side of the continent has been

received. I regret exceedingly that the purchases were made without a requisition being made from my agency, setting forth the Articles most desired for the Flat Head Nation I have examined the Invoice with care and find it will amount to some Twenty five Thousand Dollars ($25000) The purchase could have been cut down one half and that amount invested in Heifers would have gone much further towards benefiting the Indians than tons of Coffee, Rice & Hardbread that are now en route for my Agency and shipped too at a very heavy expence. Hard bread is the last thing my Indians require & it would have been much better if flour was necessary to have purchased the wheat in the Bitter Root Valley & had it ground there. You will see by this purchase that the Thirty six thousand dollars the first installment due the Flathead Nation is over two thirds gone. I fear the Indians will not be satisfied in having so large an amount of property a great deal of which is perfectly useless forced upon them in payment for their lands, without their consent ever being asked or obtained There is no building material shipped No irons for either Mill & in fact many things absolutely necessary for the Indians have been omitted such at Guns, Kettles Ammunition Tin Ware &c &c which if purchased in this market and shipped to flat head agency at present rates of transportation which is 40¢ per lb will involve a very heavy expense One item of the invoice 650 prs Blue Blankets are seriously objectionable, another 120 dz shawls equally so. another 1166 ⅔ yds flannel Equally so and many other items of minor importance go on to swell the invoice to $25.000. and this amt [38] to be presented to the Flat head Nation in the name of their great father in compliance with the promise made them some five years ago. And what makes it appear doubly strange to me that so foolish a purchase should have been made is that the Indian Dept was advised from your office on the 22d day last December a paragraph of which I here quote in part where you refer to Articles required for the Flathead Nation such as Plows Waggons and other farming utensils. Tools for the shops of the Carpenter, Blacksmith, Tinner Waggon & Plow Maker, Machinery for the saw & grist Mill &c &c none of which [have been sent] save a few *hand saws* augers drawing Knives & *Gimblets* a sufficient quantity in themselves to stock a half dozen shops. Six plows & a few hoes, forks, sickles & Scythes constitute the farming utensils. Twenty five plows would not have been amiss. How far will six plows go towards furnishing several hundred Indians If the Department will Keep the Hard

bread, Rice & Coffee at home and encourage the Indian in farming I will make myself responsible for the result. The Flatheads are not a barbarous people. They Know very well that the lands they sold were not to be paid for in hard bread and the like. Assist them in producing a change in their herd of horses by purchasing them some American brood mares & a few hundred heifers The Indians will be better pleased and infinitely more benefitted. The Anxitey of the Dept to ameliorate the condition of the Indians is thwarted. Their advancement in the scale of social life is not promoted in the shipment of trash, they may be pleased for the moment but no permanent good results from the adoption of such a course. The Department may rest assured that I will use every [39] honorable effort to quiet the Nation under my charge and promote the friendly feeling that exists between them and the white man.

I have the honor to Remain My dear Sir Your obdt Servt
JOHN OWEN Ind Sub Agt Flat Head Nation

E R GEARY Esq Supt Ind Affs
O & W Territory Portland Oregon

OWEN TO GEARY ON THE LOW PAY ALLOTTED TO HIS ASSISTANTS BY THE GOVERNMENT

[39] Office Supt Indian Affairs
Portland Oregon May 28, 1860

Dear Sir

I will call your special attention to the fact of my not being able to employ good Mechanics or farmers at the rates per anum anticipated by the Department. I will state for your information that the Q. M. Department at Walla Walla and other points pay for Waggon Masters from $125. to $150 per month and allow them two rations. Lt John Mullan U.S.A. and in charge of constructing road from Walla Walla to Fort Benton pays his Waggon Masters $125 per Month and with their precedence established in the Country will make it very difficult for me to procure reliable men for less. I think however that I will be able to procure good Mechanics for $100 per month and two principal farmers for $1000 per anum each, rations furnished. In fact it is useless to think of hiring men to work so far in the interior where everything they require is so exhorbitantly

high unless they are fed or an Equivalant allowd by paying higher wages which in the end would amt to the same thing

Respectfully your obdt Servt
JOHN OWEN Spl Agent Flat Head Nation W. T.

E. R GEARY Supt Ind Affs
O & W Portland

OWEN TO GEARY ON THE NECESSITY OF USING HIS OWN PRIVATE FUNDS TO FULFIL THE PLEDGES MADE TO THE INDIANS BY THE GOVERNMENT

[40] Office Supt Ind Affs
Portland Oregon June 14 /60

Sir

You will preceive by my accounts for the year ending June 3d 1860, that the balance of public funds in my hands is $984.89. There are several demands against my Agency that should have been paid and taken up in these a/c but for which it was impracticable to obtain the proper vouchers. These liabilities and the expenses of this visit to your office and the return trip will entirely exhaust the small amount of means in my hands. On my arrival in the Flathead country there fore I am compelled to commence this years opperations in fulfilment of the Flat head treaty and in carrying out your instructions in regard to the transportation of supplies from Fort Benton to my Agency As also in regard to the snake Indians without a dollar of public funds in my hands & no prospect of any. But my word is pledged to the Indians for the fulfilment of the promises made to them by the government. I am also under your instructions to carry out certain measures which will involve an outlay of some twelve or fifteen (12 or 15) thousand dollars. I have no other alternative therefore than to use my own private funds for the benefit of the public service It was my intention while here to have invested $2000.00 in real Estate in the City of Portland but I can not do so as all the means I posess and more too will be required to be used in the public service at my Agency. I have issued Certified Vouchers which will be presented at your Office for pay ment in favor of

Thomas Robertson	for Plows &c	245.00
Smith & Davis	" Medecines	617.14
Jno R. Foster	" tools & farming impls	162.35
		1024.49

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Smith & Davis	for Brandy Medical stores	39.25
Hughes & Ohlson	" Aparegos & Sinches	147.00
J. W. Cook	" Grain Sacks	77.50
		$1288.24

It may be necessary for me to issue other certified vouchers. I sincerely hope that no unnecessary delay will occur to prevent funds being placed with the asst Treasurer of New York subject to my order. they will be preferable there as the dfts can be drawn to order while in San Francisco dfts are only payable to bearer.

Respectfully yours &c

John Owen Ind Sub agt Flatheads

E R Geary Esqr Supt Inds Affs
O & W Territories Portland

Owen to Geary on Agency Affairs and His Need of Funds

[41] Ind Agts office Walla Walla
June 24, 1860

Sir

The property bought on account of the Indian Dept has not yet come fowd. I can not imagine what Keeps back the Wheat. I hope it will all reach here in a few days. I shall send an express fowd in the morning to notify the Indians of your not being able to visit them this year I have engaged a Mill Wright at $6.00 per day & a ration to go up and erect the saw Mill which I hope to have running this fall. Will you please purchase and fowd to Mr Cain for me two 7 foot mill saws the most approved Make, probably some sawyer could be got that would select them for the purpose. I have engaged a Blksmith competant to forge and make the irons so that it will be much less expensive than to have bought the Irons in Portland and paid 40¢ transportation on them to the Agency, Mechanics [42] are asking from twelve to fifteen hundred dollars per annum & a ration. During my absence some eight of my horses were stolen but owing to the vigilance of Mr Standifer they were recovered at the trifling expense of twenty five dollars. I do hope you will be able to advise me at an early day of funds sufficient for my opperations of the year & the balance of first installment due Flathead Nation being subject to my dfts withe the asst U. S Treas-

urer at N. Y. City. my reasons for preferring it in New York was explained to you and talked over in your office before leaving for Snake Country. You can fowd me check book with advices care Agt Cain who will fowd it to me by some safe conveyance. News from the other side of the Mts of all the Indians being quiet [with] prospects of good crops &c. I have no fears but that I will be at Benton in time for the Boats, but I should be in funds in order that no advantage can be taken of me in letting out contracts for transportation of the annuities to the Agency.

Respectfully &c
John Owen Ind Sub agt Flathead Nation W.T.

E R Geary Supt &c
Portland Oregon

Owen, while at Walla Walla, to H. M. Chase at the Fort

[78] Ind Agt Office Walla Walla
June 24th 1860

H. M. Chase Esqr
Dear Sir

Yours May 6th has been recd & contents noted. You will Notify the Indians of Supt. Geary's inability to visit them this Summer & of their Annuity goods being En Route for Fort Benton. I shall start the pack Train home in a day or two, but shall not leave myself until the arrival of another Steamer. The accompanying letter you will forward to Benton by Some trusty Competent Expressman. Make the best of the material you have for advancing the Work at the fort. I have Employed a Mill Wright, Carpenter & other Mechanics who will be up next month. You may expect me on or about 15th July

Respectfly Your Obt Svt
Jno Owen

Owen to Geary again Denouncing the Goods Sent by the Government to the Flatheads, and Pleading in the Tribe's Behalf

[104] Office Flathead Agency
Fort Owen June 30" 1860

Sir

In compliance with the regulations of the Ind Dept I herewith

have the honor to Submit this My annual report for 1859 after My return last June with the delegation of Chiefs that Visited you I made Known to the Flathead Nation that the treaties Made with them by Gov. I. I. Stevens were at last ratified but that Nothing Would be done during this Year "1859" But that I hoped to be able to commence operations at an Early day during the present Year 1860. On reaching My agency careful Estimates were Made out & forwarded to your office setting forth the articles Most desirable to these Indians also an Estimate of tools for the contemplated shops & Machinery & Building Materials for the Mills & agency buildings to be Erected this Summer I deeply regret the Dept Not having Sent by Way of the Mo river the Machinery Building Material & Tools absolutely required as the Expense of transportation is More than double from this Side of the continent compared to that from the other or by way of the Mo river to Fort Benton. Many of the Articles purchased by the Dept on the Eastern Side for the Flathead Indians are Seriously objectionable & I doubt very Much Wether the Indians will receive them as part payment of the 1st instalment due them. The property was purchased & shipd Without the consent of the Indians being asked or obtained The 650 prs Blue Blkts 120 dz Shawls Tons of Rice Hard bread & coffee will be of No Manner of use to them whatever The objection to the Blkt is the Colour. The Shawls are Never used & as for the Hard Bread the Indians & Settlers in the Bitter Root Valley & Vicinity Will & can raise a Sufficient quantity of Wheat to Make flour plenty for the Wants of the whole country. In addition to which they Enjoy the privilege of cooking it to Suit their own tastes Had a large amt of the invoice been invested in Stock Say Am. Mares & heifers & given to the Indians it would Not only have pleased them but would have redounded Much More to their common good [105] after the delay of five Years Now to force upon the Flathead Nation Some $25000.00 Worth of property (Eastern Cost) Without their concent hardly Seems fair to the unpredjudiced Mind. I am Satisfied that they will Make Serious objections. In March last a deputation of Six Lodges of the Peagan tribe of the Blkfoot Nation came over on a peace Mission to the Flatheads. Report is that the Blood Band of the Blkfoot Nation have again raised the tomahawk against the Whites & the friendly tribes on the Pacific Slope of the Mts Since the treaty of /55 the Blackfeet have made frequent predatory Excursions to the different Camps from [on] this Side & have run off Many horses. It Seems Strange to the Friendly Indians on this Side When I tell

them they Must quietly Submit to the Many wrongs & not take the Matter in their own hands. They very Naturaly demand restitution & very justly too as the aggressors have been receiving large annuities for the past four years. Our country is also infested with outlaws & fugitives from justice who take special care to cater to the Vices of the Indians & are continualy causing Serious disturbances. In fact Many pernicious Elements are at work in the country & can Not be removed too Soon. Situated as We are in the heart of the Indian country Surrounded by large & formidable tribes is with us sufficient reason for asking protection from the U. S. Govt. by Establishing in our Midst a Military Post. I also Earnestly recomend that a Council be held with the Snake & Bannac Indians & See if Something can Not be done to quiet & Settle them. The Visit of the Indians last Summer to Salem resulted in Much good. In compliance With your instructions of Oct 31 last I organised a Small party & proceeded to the Jocko reservation in Feby last & Made an Examination of the general reservation a report of which was forwd to your office The conditional reservation above the Lolo Lolo fork of Bitter Root river the Flathead tribe hold Sacred. They say we were born here our fathers & relatives have been buried here. The Valley affords roots that go far toward furnishing us our Subsistance. Our Stock is used to the range & in fact they advance Many cogent reasons why they should Not be compeld to remove to the General reservation on the Jocko river [106] I do trust & ask in behalf of this truly deserving tribe that the Said conditional reservations be confirmed to them as required in XI article of the treaty of July 16″ 1855. By your instructions two Men were Employed this spring to assist the Indians in opening a field & sowing it in wheat They (although late when the order reached Me) succeeded in fencing, breaking & Sowing Some 15 Acres. A New fledged colony has Started in Hell Gate Rond in the Vicinity of the Council ground I gave them what assistance My limited Means Warranted in order that they Might More Successfuly prosecute & carry out the wishes of the infant Settlement It was Necessary that they should fence break & Sow grain for Next Winter Supplies We already feel the benefit of the Road from Walla Walla to Fort Benton which Lieut Mullan is pressing toward completion with an iron Will. Much Credit does he deserve for the Energy & interest he takes in the Work. To appreciate the Amt. of labor that has been Expended on the road you should pass over it

Respt Yours &c

Jno Owen Ind Sub agt W. T.

To E. R. Geary Esqr Supt Ind affairs
Portland Oregon
"Note"

The above report for some reason does not appear in the annual report of The Hon. Com. of Ind affairs for "1860"

[This "Note" was no doubt written below the letter at a later date than the letter itself, and after Owen's receipt of the printed document to which he refers.]

Owen to Geary asking for Money to Pay Doctor Mullan

[43] Ind Agts Office Walla Walla
July 1. 1860

Sir

In my statement of Bal due Employees of Flathead agency for year ending June 3. 1860 I omitted the resident Physician Dr Jas A Mullan whose services are due from 1st July 1859 to June 3d 1860 making 11 months & three days at $100 per month — $1110.00 which you will please place me in funds to meet at your Earliest convenience

Respectfully &c
John Owen Ind Sub Agt Flat Heads W. T.

E R Geary Supt &c

Vaughan to Owen Announcing the arrival of the Flathead Annuities at Fort Benton

[149] "Copy"
Fort Benton July 7" 1860

Dr Sir

I have the honor herewith to Enclose Copy of instructions from Supt. of Ind. Affr's St. Joseph Mo. relative to the Flathead Annuities which arrived Safe at this point & have been Securely Stored & will be held subject to the order of the Supt. of Oregon From the tenor of instructions I have No doubt before this reaches you that you will be in possession of the particulars . . . . . Hoping to see you Soon I will defer further particulars until We Meet in person

Very Respt &c &c
"Signed" Alfred J. Vaughan Ind Agt.

Major Jno Owen U. S. Ind. Agt. Fort Owen

Owen to Geary Concerning the Dangers, Difficulties and Expense of Overland Transportation of Goods and Live Stock

[43] Ind Agts Office Walla Walla
July 8, 1860

Sir

In a conversation with you in your office before you left for the snake country on the subject of horned stock for the Flat head Indians I was under the impression that Salt Lake City was my best Market from the fact of my having a much better road to drive over than if I purchased in the Wilamette. I would still entertain the same views was it not from report that reached here yesterday of an engagement of a hostile nature having come off between the Snake Indians and the U S Troops, such being the case I do not think it prudent to throw so great a temptation before the Indians now in a state of hostility as a large band of cattle would present. I found parties here who were willing to sell on fair terms and take the risk of driving themselves, and I have bargained for some 300 head 3yr old heifers delivered at Flat head Agency, good American stock and in good condition for thirty five dollars ($35) per head for all so delivered. I shall issue certified vouchers for same to be paid out of Bal 1st installment [44] due Flathead Nation when recvd at your office. I have also bought some young steers which I intend for Beef for parties working in the Reservation. On reaching my Agency I shall immediately endeavor to make arrangements for the transportation of the property from Fort Benton. I have my fears as to there being sufficient transportation in the country as the troops now En route for Walla Walla will absorb all in the region of Fort Benton I shall make every effort to have it brought over and on as economical a plan as possible. I may have to buy a pack train to accomplish it. Mules are high it is true but they would go far towards paying for themselves in the Amount of transportation they could furnish. The Departmt may rest assured that I will make no unnecessary outlay for the promotion of the public service. I have delayed this long in hopes of hearing of my funds having come to hand. I could enter the field with more confidence of my success had I the means of paying the demands as they fall due. parties you are aware will enter into the spirit of things more willingly when they know that they are paid as soon as the service for which they are engaged is performed.

Yours Respectfully &c

John Owen Ind Sub agt Flatheads &c

E R Geary Esqr Supt &c Portland

VAUGHAN TO OWEN EXPLAINING HIS REFUSAL TO DELIVER THE FLATHEAD GOODS TO OWEN

[149] "Copy"
Fort Benton Augst. 20" 1860

Dear Sir

I have the honor to Enclose herewith copy of My instructions from the Supt. of Ind. affrs. St. Joseph Mo. pertaining to the Flathead Anuities which at a Single glance you will I am sure admit I am right in holding said annuity until I am instructed by the Supt. of Oregon to deliver them over to Such authorized officer of the Govt. as he May designate to receive them. I regret Most Exceedingly that you have incurred the Expense of Sending over the train without accomplishing What you Sanguinely anticipated

Respt &c &c
"Signed" A. J. VAUGHAN Ind. agt.

Major JNO OWEN &c &c

OWEN TO GEARY ABOUT GOVERNMENT PROPERTY TURNED OVER TO HIM BY LIEUTENANT MULLAN

[49] Office Flathead Agency
Fort Owen W. T. Augst 25" 1860

Sir

Herewith please find Enclosed duplicate invoices of public property turned over by to Me by Lieut Mullan in Charge Walla Walla & Fort Benton M. R. Ex

Many things are in Excess for the present but Still in course of time will come in use & they are at a Much lower figure than they could be laid down here for Cost & transportation added

The Irons & hard Wood the Wagons will furnish which will be required will cost the Dept less than it could be bought here for. Hard Wood will be required about the Mills &c

I have receipted the invoice subject to Your approval

Respt Yours &c

JNO OWEN &c &c

To E. R. GEARY Esq Supt Ind affairs &c
Portland Oregon

OWEN TO VAUGHAN IN DENUNCIATION OF THE RETENTION OF THE FLATHEAD TREATY GOODS AT FORT BENTON

[45] Office Flathead Agency
Fort Owen W. T. Sept 1st 1860

Sir

Yours 20th ult with Copy of Supt Robinson's instructions relative to Flathead goods recd & contents Noticed

I Must Express My astonishment at the Morbid Construction You place upon Supt. Robinson's letter.

So gross a blunder as You have Committed Either through ignorance or design in Not turing over the property belonging to My agency on My official order is inexcuseable & Can Not in My humble opinion be Committed with impunity when So heavy an Expense is incurred to the Dept in haing Empty trains running between the two points. The Com. of Ind affairs in Writing to Supt Geary Makes No Mention of the goods being consigned to You. You are Not Known to him in any Way Whatsoever. You have Merely in My opinion been Made an agent of Connivice for Mess P. C. Jr. & Co[a] as they could Not have collected their bill unless B/L Was receipted at place of delivery. They supposing & very justly too the agent for the Flatheads would Not be on the ground upon the Arrival of the Steamer at Benton I forwd You Copy of My instructions from Supt Geary

It is Not My intention to Supplicate You to do what any one would conceive to be Your duty

Rest assured I shall fully represent the Matter direct to Washington & recomend that the unnecessary Charges incurred be Stopd against You & Not be charged to My agency inasmuch as they have been Made through Your official blunder. My first impression Was upon the return of Mr Irvine to let the Matter rest & protest against the whole Movement in a Special report

But inasmuch as teams [are] now already Some days on the March & a train of Mules here ready for the road I have reconsidered the conclusion I at first came to & Now Send Mr Irvine with My recipted [46] B/L to You which I hope will be Sufficient to relieve You of the awful responsibility You have Seen proper to assume. I have authorised him to receive the goods & deliver You up My official

[a] Pierre Chouteau, Jr., and Company, of St. Louis, was long the western representative of the American Fur Company. At first a fur trading organization, it later became interested in transportation on the Missouri. For its early activities see Chittenden, *opus citra*, v. I, pp. 382 ff.

receipt he remaining in charge of the property as Shipping agent until the trains cease to run this fall. You will Now have an opportunity of lessening the Evil by promptly acting in accordance with suggestions herin Made

I shall despatch an Express in the Morning for Supt Geary with Your two Communications for further instructions in the premises

Further delay of the Annuity goods May result in Serious Consequences

Let the blame rest where it truly belongs I shall rest assured clear My Skirts of it

No one More deeply regrets the Necessity of this Communication than myself who has always Entertained a high opinion of Your clear Sightedness in Matters of Indian Policy

I sincerely hope when you come to reflect & Mature the Matter in Your own Mind that you Will justly arrive at a different conclusion than the one Entertained when last heard from

I have the honor &c &c &c

Jno. Owen Ind Sub agt &c &c W. T.

To Col. A. J. Vaughan U. S. Ind Agt &c
Fort Benton N. T.

Owen to Geary Reporting Vaughan's action at Fort Benton and Its Bad Results

[47] Office Flathead Agency
Fort Owen W. T. Sept 2nd 1860

Sir

Herewith I have the honor to transmit You Agent Vaughan's Communication 20 ult. Fort Benton also Extract from Supt Robinson's St Joseph Mo May 9 With My reply to agt Vaughan. You will See the Construction Agt V. has placed upon Supt. R. instructions which I think is unwarrantable. Agt. V. Knows that I have had charge of these Indians for Several Years past & Should feel Authorized in turning over the goods upon My order. You will See by his Note that he requires Your order. I Sent Mr Irvine back again this Morning with Your letter of instructions to Me in the premises of May last hoping the Col. would Not Suffer the Wagons to return without loading Nor detain the Mule train any longer under Expenses. The charges already incurrd are considerable & Nothing accomplished I have been quite unwell Since returning home & am

Not able to take the Saddle or I Would have gone over Myself. I have instructed Mr Irvine in Case the Col should conclude to turn over the property to give him my receipted B/L for the packages take charge of the property & remain there as Shipping agent loading the trains taking receipts for goods forwd &c for which service I have agreed to pay him &75.00 pr Mo. This delay is truly unfortunate the Indians [are] restless & begin to fear getting their goods this Year I will use Every Exertion to get them over at the Earliest Moment I have bought a pack train of Some 35 head of Mules & probably will have to buy Some More as they will Not be able to Make More than two trips Yet this fall providing Agt. Vaughan offers No further resistance prior to receiving Your order

This unexpected delay will involve Considerable Expense which I think is Nothing More than right & proper to be Stopd against him for the false position I contend he has assumed In that that he required Your order &c for the Stores

The transportation at Benton was Exhausted by Maj Blake's Command & then they had to leave a large Amt. of property Mr Dawson of the Am. Fur Co wrote Me that [48] inasmuch as his proposition to freight the Stores over @ 10¢ pr lb was Not closed as Early as it Should have been to consider it annuld as the price Would Not justify his having any thing to do with them.

My only alturnative was to buy what Mules & horses I could pick up & put them on the road with the few Wagons I could hire

This will delay My trip to the Snake Country at least a Month as I have No presents to take With Me.

Indian report Says that an Emigrant train of Some twenty Wagons [has been] cut off & Some 20 Men Women & children Killd.* I Sincerely hope it May Need Confirmation.

From My present position You will See that it will Not do to delay.

My Expressman will be instructed to remain at Walla Walla for the return of Your Communication from Portland. I have requested Mr Cain to forwd You this with all possible despatch. As Yet I have No funds.

I shall issue Certified Vouchers for My Mule train

Respt Yours &c

Jno Owen Ind Sub agt &c &c

To E.R. Geary Eqr Supt Ind Affairs
Portland Oregon

* This was probably a reference to the Bannac and Snake depredations which were becoming serious.

OWEN TO GEARY CONCERNING THE PUBLIC PROPERTY LEFT IN HIS CHARGE BY LIEUTENANT MULLAN

[52] Office Flathead Agency
Fort Owen W. T. Sept 6" 1860

Sir

Herewith please find duplicate invoices of property turned over by Lt. Mullan U S A Chief W. W. & F. B. M. R. Ex Subject to Your approval. Most of it is required for imediate use. The property has been & is Worn Some but then it is invoiced at a figure Much lower than it could be put here for

Respt Your obt Sevt
JNO OWEN Ind Sub agt &c &c W. T.

To E. R. Geary Esqr Supt Ind affairs &c
Oregon Portland

OWEN TO GEARY CONCERNING NECESSARY PURCHASES FOR HIS AGENCY AMOUNTING TO $25,000

[53] Office Flathead Agency
Fort Owen W. T. Sept 6" 1860

Sir

I have issued Walter R Davies the following certified vouchers for objects therein Specified Which I hope will Meet Your approval

1	for Heifers & Stock Cattle for Flathead Nation	$10990.00
2	" Transportation on Seed Wheat Tools &c from Portland	5736.00
3	" Pack train Horses Mules & rigging	6150.00
4	" 44 head Beef Cattle	2420.00
		$ 25296.40

I Was Compelld to transcend your limits in the purchase of the pack train. The transportation Was absolutely required as Mr Dawson had Notified Me of his unwillingness to transport the Flathead Annuity goods from Benton @ 10¢ pr lb & to Consider his proposition Made last Year as annulled.

The Vouchers for purchase of Heifers & Stock Cattle I wrote you relative to from Walla Walla July 8" They have been deliverd & are a find band of Stock. They are to be paid for out of first installment due Flathead Nation when recd at Your office.

The amt due for the transportation in Seed Wheat & Ind Dept Stores was Spoken to You of when I was in Portland last

Respt Yours &c

Jno Owen Ind sub agt &c &c W. T.

To E. R. Geary Esqr

Owen to a Treasury Official Regarding a Disbursing Fund of $17,000 Subject to His Check

[59] Office Flathead Agency
Fort Owen Bitter Root Valley W. T. Sept. 20" 1860

Sir

Under date 6" Inst from Portland Oregon E. R. Geary Esqr. Supt. Ind. Affairs &c advises Me of having forwd You his check for Seventeen Thousand Nine Hundred & Sixty four 96/100 Dollars $17964.96 Said Amount to be placed to the Cr of My disbursing account and Subject to My Checks

I have the honor My dear Sir to remain Your obt Servt

Jno Owen Ind Sub agt W. T.

To U. S. Asst. Treasurer New York City N. Y.

Pierre Chouteau to Owen cancelling an offer to haul the Flathead Goods from Fort Benton to Fort Owen at Ten Cents a Pound

[62] Fort Benton N. T.
Sept 20th 1860

Sir

Regarding the transportation of the Flathead Annuity goods. We beg leave to withdraw our proposition for the transportation of the Same. When we Made the proposition we expected it would be accepted at once, and now the Season is so far advanced we could not think of freighting them at the Same price, Say ten cents per pound

Yours Respectfly

"Signed" P. Chouteau Jr & Co

To Maj Jno Owen Ind Sub Agent

OWEN TO GEARY IN EXTENDED ACCOUNT OF THE DIFFICULTIES OF HIS POSITION AND IN NOTIFICATION THAT VAUGHAN HAS AGAIN REFUSED TO DELIVER THE FLATHEAD ANNUITIES TO HIM

[54] Office Flathead Agency
Fort Owen W. T. Sept 21, 1860

Dear Sir

I despatch Mr Blake to your office in person who can lay before you in detail the way things stand here in regard to the Flathead Annuity goods being arbitrarily held by Agent Vaughan at Fort Benton. Mr Blake was again on his way to Fort Benton with the Agency train numbering some 70 head pack mules and horses and was turned back upon information received from Mr Irvine now at Benton of Agent Vaughan still refusing to turn over the Indian goods Notwithstanding Agt. V. had been put in possession of of Supt Gearys letter of instructions to Maj Owen &c &c Mr Irvine further writes that Agent V. insists upon his instructions from Supt. Robinson warrant him in turning over the Indian property for this Agency only on Supt Gearys order on him H. J. Vaughan Ind Agt &c. It is truly unfortunate the way things have turned out it would have been much better had the goods never reached Benton than to be arbitrarily held as they are. The Indians remained thinking the Waggons nearly due would bring them the much needed supplies for their fall and winter hunt. Mr Blake returned last night with Agent Vaughan's prompt & unquallified refusal to let the Waggons load with the stores without your written order was the finishing touch. I felt the disappointment I knew it was to the Indians after being put off so long and so often seriously myself. Not a Blanket, round of Amunition, Kettles Knives or Tobacco did I have for them neither could I get them Knowing too that they were just starting on their fall & winter hunt. What have the poor Flatheads done to merrit such treatment. Does the great chief Iron Eyes (Agt Vaughan) want the goods our Great Father has sent us for his [55] children the Blackfeet? Why keep from us what was promised us by our friend Gov Stevens five snows ago? Why dont the Iron Eyed chief let our Agent have the goods when he has our father (Sup Geary's) order to get them and bring them to us. Our Lodges will be cold another Winter. Our children need Blankets to Keep them warm. In fact I could fill four sheets of just such questions as have been propounded to me within the last week. The harvest was over you want Meat for Winter go my friends and provide from Natures herd

for your families. I will again write your father Supt Geary for further instructions Will you write our friend Gov Stevens too? He promised us these things? Yes my friends I will. Can we get our goods this winter? I think not the season is far advanced it will be late before your fathers answers reaches me I am poor having no Tobacco for you I will try and make all things right when you return &c &c. May you have a good hunt. The poor & I may say destitute Indian is mooving off for the distant Missouri plain their great hunting ground. As things here turned out so unfavorably & so unexpectedly I will take the liberty of making a suggestion for your cool & Mature consideration. That the Ind Dept of W. T. if possible repudiate the Annuity goods now at Benton intended for the Flathead Nation Reasons — 1st They were purchased without our wishes being consulted. 2d Manny of them are not adapted to our wants — 3d They have no doubt been purchased upon the Blackfoot Schedule and consequently are better adapted to their wants than ours. 4th They can not be got over until next spring, & then at an advance on Cost of tansportation of not less than 50 per cent on account of the [56] condition of the roads being much more favorable in the fall than in the spring owing to Mud high Water &c &c. 5th A schedule can be made out and sent east in time for such things as are required and brought here over land in due time at a less figure than can be laid down here for via Fort Benton —

6th Machinery for Mills Building Materials Tools for Shops &c &c are yet to come and all could come out in some train next summer and would reach here nearly as soon as I would be able to get the stores over from Benton that are already there with the transportation at my disposal. Heavy expenses have been allready incured without anything being accomplished I contracted with Mr C. P. Higgins at Walla Walla to pay him 10¢ per pound for all the stores he could transport from Benton to this place. In good faith he started four Waggons and a pack train and after reaching Benton was refused loading back unless he had your written order — He claims pay for what he was prepared to perform at least the loading once back of his waggons & pack train although it was his intention to have made another trip yet this fall. I am satisfied you will readily perceive the justness of his claim & do hope you will put me in funds to meet it. Three of my head packers are getting $75.00 per month. I brought them from Walla Walla with me assistant packers, herders, cooks &c &c I am paying $50.00 per month. all of whoom I am issuing rations to. I am at loss to know how to act these men have

all been hired in good faith on the part of the Govt for a certain length of time say until winter set in and the train had to lay over [57] I have no right to discharge them until the time agreed for expired, and even now if so disposed I have not the funds to pay them for services already rendered Much will depend with me upon the liberal construction you are disposed as I have always found to place upon acts for the good of the public service I see no other course under the circumstances that I could have pursued. I have a party of 10 men at work on the Jocko reservation breaking land. Making rails, getting out timber for mills &c &c I want to sow this fall the 200 bushels of Wheat transported by W. R. Davis — I wrote you from Walla Walla that I had made up the deficit from Mr Simms which can be returned him out of the lot bought in the Willamette by you for this Agency. I think that but 35 sacks had come forward of that lot. The crop of Wheat was fine here but for the smut. In conclusion I will state that the position taken by Col Vaughan has weakened the Ind Depart of this side very much and will do so still more if he is upheld in it. Everything has been done within my power of reasoning to have him act for the good of the service. Even going so far as to send him for his perusal your letter of instructions to me. He has said that the horse is 16 feet &c. He cant recognise me. Nothing but Sup Geary's order you can canvass the whole affair over with Mr Blake from which you can draw your own conclusions. My trip to the Snake country is completely set aside I have nothing to to take there. I had sent them word of my intended visit which makes the matter worse than it otherwise would have been. I do hope you will be able to advise me by [58] Mr Blake of funds being deposited subject to my order with Asst. Treas N. Y. Men will not work with half the sprit they would could they have their money when it was due &c The portable saw Mill turned over by Lieut Mullan I intend having put up for temporary use such as getting out timber that would otherwise have to [be] hewn or pit sawn. I[n] your conversation with Mr. Blake you will learn much of the embarrassing circumstances I labour under in this remote Mountain region. By Mr Blake please let your instruction concerning the Premises be full & explicit.

I have the honor My dr Sir to remain Your obdt Sevt

JNO OWEN Ind Agt W. T.

To E W GEARY Esqr Supt Ind Affs
Portland O. T.

[NOTE. The dates of some of these letters, as recorded in the Letter Book, may be incorrect. In this letter of Sept. 21 to Geary, Owen asks that funds be deposited in New York subject to his order, whereas the Letter Book indicates that on the previous day (Sept. 20) Owen was already aware that the desired funds had been so deposited.]

OWEN TO GEARY ANNOUNCING THE FINAL ARRIVAL OF GOODS FROM FORT BENTON AND EXPLAINING HIS OFFICIAL ACTS IN AN EFFORT TO CONCILIATE THE INDIANS

[60] Office Flat Head Agency
Fort Owen W. T. Nov 7. 1860

Sir

In referring to my communication to your office of Sep 2 pr expressman Beadle I say "herein please find enclosed Agt Vaughn's Communicn 20th Ult. also extract from Supert. Robinson May 9th with my reply to Agt. Vaughn's & I am at loss to Know sir what way they could have fail'd reaching your office. The purchse of Stock Cattle from Mr Davis. was based upon the ball due these Inds from first instalmt of $36000. 25000 of which was laid out in the Eastern Mkt. leaving $11000 due. I was under the impression that the money was expected out in every [stmr?] or I should not have made the purchase. I regret not having the money to transmit Mr Davis from Amt transfered me from you. On the arrival of Beadle with your order on Agt Vaughn I immediately started the pack train belonging to the Agency hired what other transportn I could & put them on the roads to Benton Nothing else would satisfy these Inds. In fact I was more than usualy alarmd at one time I had a visit from Alexander the Pend 'Orielle Chief & he talked badly. My object was if possible at any sacrifice to conciliate them. I hope & trust I have succeeded. A part of the Annuity is here in store. The remainder with exception of Some Hard Bread & other cases which will be stored at Benton untill Spring will be here in a few days. It is my intention to divide the goods into 3 parts & distribute them to the 3 tribes constituting this nation So Soon as they return from Buffalo. I do not think it would have been safe to have left the goods at Benton. It would have been [61] difficult to have made these Inds understand that it had not been done through favoritism to the Blk-

feet. The whole movement is an unfortunate one. Gov Stevens writes me that he remonstrated with the dept in Washington but to no effect. I have no money to meet the transportation with. Had the goods not been So delayd the pack train would have reimbursed itself. The Beef Cattle bo't of Mr Davis were low & to the Dept there will be a saving on that lot of quite 1000 $ Beef is worth here 15 ¢ pr lb Oxen 200$ pr pair. Had I authority many of these goods could be sold at a handsome advance over cost & transpt. In that case I could place myself in funds to meet Some of the demand against this Agency As you suggest I have sent my blk recpts to Mr J. A. Brooks which can be filled up when funds are recd. The 10$ furnished Mr Beadle Mr Caples has given Mr Blake an order on me for. As you suggest I will withold my chk on Ass Treas N Y. for $239 Amt paid on certified Vouchers by you. I will write you fully So Soon as the Train from Benton is in. I will prepare a new sett of Invoices of property turned over by Lt Mullan. I think I can assure you with safety too that the property will be a great saving to the dept The Saw Mill alone along which I will have running by Water Soon promises a saving of Some $2000. The Wagons are in excess but when you come to compare the Iron & hard Wood they furnish at 40¢ pr lb the Dept will readily perceive what is saved.

Respy &c
"Signed" JNO OWEN Ind Sub agt &c

To E R GEARY esq &c &c

OWEN TO GEARY REPORTING A DISCREPANCY BETWEEN THE AMOUNT OF CLOTH RECEIVED AND THE INVOICE THEREOF

[62] Office Flathead Agency
Fort Owen W. T. Novr 29th 1860

Sir

Herewith I have the honor to enclose you the Invoice & Bill Lading for Flathead Annuities. Agent Vaughan would give up the goods only upon my receipting Invoice. The goods came out right excepting the Salem [?] list cloth which fell short two hundred & five yards I can only report the deficiency to you. I have no other redress, not knowing what house the goods were purchased of.

115	yards	Salem list	Scarlet	cloth	$1.75	$201.25
90	"	" "	Blue	"	1.50	135.00
The cost of Deficit						$336.25

Respectfly yours &c
"Signed" Jno Owen Ind Sub Agent
In charge Flathead Nation W. T.

To E. R Geary Esqr Supt Ind Affairs
Portland Oregon

Owen to Geary Denouncing the Goods Sent to the Flatheads and Stating He is in Arrears to the Extent of Ten Thousand Dollars for their Transportation

[63] Office Flathead Agency
Fort Owen W. T. Novr 29th 1860

Sir

Herewith I have the honor to enclose Messrs P. Choteau Jr & Co's Withdrawal of proposition Made me in June/59 for transporting of Flathead Annuities from Benton to this place @ 10¢ pr lb.

The Agency pack train could have transported Nearly all the property in ample time, had the goods not been withheld by Agt Vaughan; And the Expense I have been compelled to incur Saved for the Dept leaving the Pack train a Nett gain

I felt it absolutely necissary for the peace of the country that the property Should be brought over. I had no funds to Meet the Expense of transportation With parties were not willing to contract for less than 15¢ per lb. I have promised it conditionally Subject to your approval. To meet a portion of the expense I was compelled to use money in my hands intended for other purposes

My position has been rendered doubly more embarrassing than it otherwise would be from the fact of my being so far remote from your office.

The Annuities are in my Warehouses with exception of Six Bales of Blankts & a few Boxes of hard Bread which I will not require before Spring. How am I to pay for Transportation which will amount to Some thirteen thousand Dollars less what was performed by Pack train Amounting to Nearly three thousand Dollars, leaving Me in Arrears of Some ten thousand Dollars now due.

[64] The Blankets are far inferior to the Salem Blanket. The

Plate XXVIII

CHARLOT, CHIEF OF THE FLATHEADS

Chief Charlot of the Flatheads, and friend of Owen. Charlot was the son of Chief Victor, who was likewise for years a close friend of Owen, and he succeeded Victor as hereditary head of the tribe.

It was Charlot whose signature was forged to the Garfield Treaty of 1872 after he had refused to sign that instrument. Nevertheless in 1876, when the hostile Nez Percé under Joseph and Looking Glass marched into the Bitter Root Valley and sent its settlers hurrying behind the repaired walls of Fort Owen for safety, Charlot refused to join them against the whites or to clasp the hand of the invading Chief. Flathead braves, on the contrary, took places beside the defending whites in the improvised defenses at the Lolo Trail, and Joseph and his warriors then marched southward past the Fort without an attack, while the refugees within peered over the adobe ramparts at the column of moving red men. The Nez Percé met General Gibbon further south at the desperate battle of the Big Hole.

PLATE XXVIII

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Shawls & flannels are Miserable flimsey things No Earthly use. The cot Handkfs cost $1.50 pr Doz better goods can be purchased in Portland for 50 per ct. less money. The Coffee Nearly all damaged Report from Benton Says it had been Sunk on the Mo River & Bot up by a house in St Joseph, Shiped back to St Louis & there Worked in for filling contracts let out in St Louis for central Superintendency The cloths fall short Some 175 yards but the Quality is fair, the Cottons generally are heavy, Serviceable goods, with exception of the Calicoes Which are in excess full two thirds The linseys fair only. In fact Since examining the goods with the invoice I have no hesitation in Saying I could have purchased the Same bill in Portland for one third less money. And when I Say this I Speak Knowingly, and will Submit the invoice to any of your business houses.

I have not examined the Coffee in detail but Shall do So, and I do Sincerely think it will be necessary to have a board Called to pass upon it. What I have opened is Mouldy & Musty. The Sacks from their appearance evidently having been under Water

Respctfly yours &c
Sigd, JNO OWEN Ind Sub Agt &c &c W T

To E R GEARY Esqr Supt Ind Affairs
Portland Oregon

[NOTE. No hint of these many official troubles and embarassments was allowed to creep into the daily Journals.]

OWEN TO GEARY COMMENDING LIEUTENANT MULLAN FOR THE LOW PRICES OF MATERIAL TURNED OVER BY HIM TO OWEN'S AGENCY

[65] Office Flathead Agency
Fort Owen W. T. B. R. V. Nov. 30" 1860

Sir

Herewith I have the honor to Submit your duplicate Invoices property turned over by Lieut Mullan U. S. A. Chief W. W. & Ft. B. M. R. Ex with Marginal Notes as to quality condition &c

Some of the property is in Excess but will be of Service to this Agency

The prices chgd by Lt Mullan is far below what it would cost to put the property down here for

Many useful & Necessary things are below cost of transportation
Respt Your obt Servt
JNO OWEN Ind Sub agt &c &c W. T.

To E. R. GEARY Esqr Supt Ind affair
Portland Oregon

OWEN TO GEARY STATING THAT HIS LACK OF FUNDS MAKES IT NECESSARY TO DISPOSE OF SOME ANNUITY GOODS IN ORDER TO PAY THE AGENCY EMPLOYES

[65]. Office Flathead Agency
Fort Owen B. R. V. W. T. Decr 1" 1860

Sir

Inasmuch as I have No Contingent fund to Meet the demands the Employees have against My Agency I shall take the liberty of turning over to Some reliable person a portion of the Annuity goods I have in Excess to be Sold to Meet the Wants of the Men in the Dept Service. The Kootenay portion May Not be called for during the Next 12 Mos. This step though it May be considered informal by the Dept Will result Eventualy in good to the Indians. For the property So used can be returned in articles of greater utility & require[d] more by the Nation.

Rs &c &c
JNO OWEN Ind Sub agt

E. R. GEARY Esqr &c Portland

OWEN TO GEARY STATING THE REASONS FOR HIS FEAR THAT ANOTHER INDIAN WAR MAY BEGIN; GIVING WARNING OF WHAT SUCH A CONFLICT WOULD MEAN, AND OUTLINING A COURSE OF ACTION THAT WOULD PREVENT IT

[66] Office Flathead Agency
Fort Owen Bitter Root Valley W. T. December 3d 1860

Sir

I have just dismissed a delegation of Snake & Salmon Fall Indians. They were in the most destitute Condition. Charges had been filed against them here of Killing Cattle belonging to our Setlers. They did not deny the Charge, and their appearance Confirmed the reasons they assigned for foraging on the property of

others, which was nothing else than in obedience to the first law of Nature. They had done it through Necessity.

My own impression is that if the Dept would take hold of these poor, destitute Indians, extend over them its fostering arm Much good must result from it

But let things remain in the present unsettled Condition and serious results will follow. I am openly accused of trifling with them. And Why —

Last Summer in accordance with your instructions I sent them word that I was instructed by their great Father to Visit them & give them his Kind words. That I would Smoke with them and make them a few presents &c &c Although I sent this word in good faith & have Known these same Indians Since /49 & have always been Careful not to decieve them in any way, their Skepticism leads them to doubt me

I will quote your own Case regarding your intended Visit to these Indians last Summer. They were told by me you intended to visit them & talk with [67] them. Unforeseen events prevented it But Still the impression these disappointments make upon the Indian's mind are very unfavorable in promoting the views of the Service. I have made the Snakes some presents of Blkts, Amunition, Tobacco, & provisions I was not only prompted by feelings of humanity but also prompted by a desire to remove the cause of necessity they assigned to me of being driven to these extremities.

I shall visit the camp of 300 Lodges in the Deer Lodge Valley. They have already Killed Some twenty head of the Setlers' Stock, and openly threaten to exterminate the new fledged Colony. With the expenditure of a few Thousand Dollars, I think this formidable tribe of Indians could be induced to change their habits & once more be Made the friend of our people. Let another Indian war break out, & the Scenes of operations will be transfered from the Western Slope to the Eastern & Mt Locked Valleys of this game abounding region.

Although these Indians held the balance of power during the last Scenes of Indian troubles, Still their Sympathies might be So worked upon & aroused as to throw aside their present allegiance to the White man & Make Common Cause with the Common Enemy The Flatheads who repulsed the overtures of Kamiakin in /58 with manly firmness, might yet be prompted to change their friendly position; they are Indians & have their Sympathies in common with their Red Brethren, I have No hesitation in saying that the United tribes of

this Mt locked Section [68] Could Muster & put in the field ten thousand Warriors, Well Mounted, Well Armed inured to the Mountains &c &c & Could with all ease Subsist themselves upon Game The Dept should not ignore these Indians you have no conception if War does break out of the Amt of blood & treasure it Would cost to restore the country to its present apparent peaceful Condition

I have no Confidence in the present peace unless it is fostered with the most fartherly Care

This large Camp of Snakes are boldly defying the White Man. It may not be Safe for me to Visit them, Still duty prompts me to make the effort. I shall be compelled to use the most Conciliatory Course.

If I was only Surrounded by healthy & reliable elements I would have no fears. But the elements that I have to contend with are of the most pernicious character. My only Strength Consists in the law abiding character of the Dept Employees The amount of Govt property in my possession is of itself sufficient inducement to prompt these border ruffians to Make a foray upon me. Law is impotent, I have no protection, Neither Civil or Military. How long it May be before the Walls of Fort Owen may be put under Contribution for the protection of our Setlers is not Known. It would not Surprise me at any moment. Steps are already being taken for the organization of a Mounted Military Company for our own protection. I shall give it all the encouragement I Can, we do not Know what moment the Call may be blown, to take the Saddle for [69] the distant & unprotected Settlement of the Deer Lodge Valley. I have made you out & forwarded to your office a Statement of the liabilities of this Agency. The heaviest arrearage is transportation of Flathead annuities from Benton. The initiatory operations of the treaty date from 1st day of July last, you will perceive by my Statement, pay is due the Employees from that time. I have no Contingent fund to meet Such demands.

I Still hope Some Special legislation may be had for this remote Agency. As I have before Stated good & reliable men Cannot be had to Serve here for as low rates as they would on the Confines of Civilization What protection have I for the large Amt of public property I have on hand was it not for the men of "Stamina" I have in the Indian Dept Service

The Indians are Still at Buffalo. Alexander the Pen De O'reille Chief with his camp was attacked on the Eastern Slope of the Rky Mts by a large band of Assinaboines. The Pende D'reilles were

Completely Surrounded & No doubt would have been entirely exterminated, had it not been for the providential & timely arrival of assistance from the Peagan Camp. Alexander had Some Seventeen men Killed & a Number wounded. Among the former was a Son.

They lost many horses leaving the Camp barely Sufficient to Carry their Lodges & Children. It rests to be seen how these Indians will receive their Annuities in payment for their lands

Report is already in Circulation that Alexander has Said "Since they have been [70] so long comeing & then not getting what we want, we had better have nothing to do with them at all, we can get along just as well as we did before we Sold our Country to Gov Stevens." The truth of the report I do not vouch for. It may be idle talk. What I have written you about the Snakes I hope will have its intended Weight. No time should be lost in endeavouring to Conciliate & Settle them. I do Sincerely hope you may be able by return of this express to renew your order of May last in regard to the Snake Indians. It is not yet too late to notify these Indians of a Contemplated Council Next Summer. But if defered until Spring Sufficient time will not be allowed to gather the Indians together in time to avail any thing Next year.

As soon as the Snow is off, they Scatter in Small bands. Some to the fighting grounds, Some to the Mts, Some to Buffalo &c &c. In fact it would be the work of a Whole Season to See them & barely inform them of what was going on. Mr Cain[10] will detain my expressman Sufficiently long at Walla Walla to hear from your Office

Respectfly Your Obt Svt

Jno Owen Ind Sub Agent In Charge Flathead Nation

To E. R. Geary Esqr Portland Oregon

Owen to a Prominent White Settler Warning Him that He is liable to be ordered out of the Country at any Moment

[71] Jocko Farm Decr 11th 1860

Mr Van Ettan

Dr Sir

Your note of the 6th recd contents noted. In reply I will State as before Stated to you in reply to your note from Deer Lodge

[10] A. J. Cain was Indian agent for county north of Columbia. Bancroft, *Washington*, pp. 177, 198, 371.

that I have no authority to issue any thing under [differing from] a regular license & that requires the parties licensed to enter into bond in the penal sum of five thousand Dollars. At Hells Gate you require no license or permit. To Suffer large bands of Stock to be driven South of Lolo's fork to Winter is another thing I am not waranted in by my instructions. You or any one else not in the Service of the Ind Dept, are liable to be ordered off at any moment. I regret that any thing you should have done in the Indian Country would warrant the Indians in making any forays upon your animals. It has been reported to me that you did Say to the Setlers in the Deer Lodge Valley that you could raise your friends the Pende O'reills & have the last one of them driven from the Country. I do not wish to See you Suffer but my feelings of friendship must be Subservient to my Official duties

Respectfly Yours &c &c
Jno Owen Ind Sub Agent &c &c W. T.

C. P. Higgins to Owen Concerning Cattle Bought by Owen

[72] "Copy"

Hellgate W. T.
Dec 12th 1860

Major John Owen
Dr Sir

As you requested I Sent two men to help John & William drive your Cattle over Hells gate river. I think it is about two months Since I Sold you the five yoke Cattle. It is strange that their good or bad qualities were not discovered before this. You Should expect a change in them, two months in the hands of inexperienced Men. Until lately the Same man did not drive them two days in Succession. If the Cattle are not what they Should be, they have been ill-treated. You were well Satisfied with them when you bought them.

J Moreton, a man who drove the Cattle for the last year, Says the Cattle I Sold you are or can be mated

Respectfly Your Obdt Svt
"Signed" C. P. Higgins

[Note. Owen's answer to this letter, contained on pages 73 and 74 of the manuscript volume, and dated "Jocko farm, Decr 14, 1860," has nearly all been torn away. It ends, however, with the words:

"I must confess I do not understand you. Let the matter rest until I see you on my return from — (?) when I hope all may be Satisfactory arrainged"]

OWEN TO HIS REPRESENTATIVE IN CHARGE OF THE JOCKO RESERVATION INQUIRING ABOUT THE CATTLE BOUGHT FROM HIGGINS

[76] Jocko Farm
Decr 15. 1860

Sir

You will please answer the following interrogatories relative to the Character, qualities & Condition of the five yoke work Steers purchased Some time during the month of October last of Capt C. P. Higgins at Hells gate

First Are the Cattle Sound

Second Do you Consider the Cattle good Work Cattle

Fourth Have you had occasion to test the qualities of the Cattle before you Commenced hauling lumber from the Mission Some two Weeks since.

Fifth Have the Cattle since they came into your possession been abused

Sixth Are the bad qualities you find in the Cattle attributable to ill treatment

Seventh Have they been used by men accustomed to working Cattle.

Respectfly yours &c
JNO OWEN Ind Sub Agt In charge Flathead N W. T.

To M. W. TIPTON Esqr Ind Dept Farmer
In Charge Jocko Reservation W. T.

OWEN TO FATHER MENATRY ABOUT LUMBER FURNISHED BY THE ST. IGNATIUS MISSION

[77] Jocko Farm
Decr 17th 1860

REVD FATHER MENATRY
Supt St Ignatius Mission
Dr Sir

To day I Submitted your bill of Lumber[11] to Mr Calkins who

[11] The Mission at St. Ignatius had built a sawmill. Palladino, *opus citra* (1894), pp. 74, 75.

Says the inch Lumber is in excess over one half

There certainly must have been Some missunderstanding in reading his bill He Says he endeavoured to Explain it to you when he was at the Mission

His bill calls for Some Six thousand feet 2 in Lumber when you have cut Something less than two thousand. I regret the mistake as it involvs the labor of pit sawing which I was in hopes would have been obviated by making the exchange with the Mission. However So soon as our Mill is running or Shortly after I will have you cut the equivalent of Bill you have Kindly furnished. The error is only to be regretted.

You will please Send me bill of articles furnished Mr Tipton for Indian Dept Service

Respectfly yours &c
Jno Owen Ind Sub Agt &c

Owen to Geary in Description of the Defeat of Chief Alexander by the Assinniboines and His Aid to the Beaten Indians

[80] Office Flathead Agency
Fort Owen Bitter Root Valley W. T. Decr 21" 1860

Sir

I retd last Evening after an absence of two Weeks to the Jocko reservation. While there I heard of Alexanders approach with his defeated & Scattered Camp. I Went to See him. My feelings were Shocked at the Scene his camp presented. Women with their children slung upon their backs had traversed the whole 400 Miles on foot from the point on Milk river where they had been defeated. They were literaly worn out & Exhausted. The loss of horses they Sustained by the attack of the Assinnaboines & Crees Was So great that Most of their Camp Equipage had to be abandoned on the battle field. They were destitute of provisions & clothing. I imediately ordered the Ind. Dept pack train from the Jocko to this place for Stores. I issued them four head of oxen. Alexander had lost a Son in the fight a young Man of Much promise Some 20 Years of age. He found his Sons body in a horribly Mutilated State. Scalped Stripd & heart Cut out. Some of the Wounded have since died. Dr Mullan was prompt & Efficient in rendering assistance to the Wounded that Succeeded in reaching home. They Numbered [———?] Some fifteen Operations of a difficult Nature had to be

performed Extracting Arrow points, Bullets, &c &c. The Pend's Oreilles had twenty Killed & twenty five Wounded (five of the latter Since dead) and lost 290 head of horses. Mr Ogden a ½ breed who was one of the party gave Me a thrilling & interesting account of the attack & the battle. He Say the Assinnaboins Numbered Some two hundred or there abouts. They were a War party all on foot & unincumbered With families, Lodges, horses, &c &c Nothing in the World Saved the Complete & Entire Extermination of Alexanders Camp but the Amt. of plunder the attacking party had come in possession of The 290 head of horses which they were Eager to Secure beyond a doubt. [81] The Pends Oreilles Made Every effort that a brave & gallant band could do to recover Some of the Animals they had lost. But they were overcome by Numbers & had to quietly Submit to their fate & beat a retreat toward their far distant home. It was hard. They had just reached the Buffalo They were in fine Spirits. On the Evening of the Night of the attack the tired Camp on bended Knees offered their thanks to almighty God for the prospect then before them. Alexander in a Short harangue told his Camp that here we will Make our Winters Meat & return. Secure your fleet horses for to Morrows Chase &c &c Little did the unsuspecting Camp know what awaited them. Before the dawn the Camp was Surrounded & between the report of the rifle, the Wailings of the Women, the Neighing of the horses at the picket & the Sheet of fire that Encircled the Camp from the rifles of the attacking party you can form but a slight Conception of What followed. Mr Ogden Says it was about one hour before day when the attack was Made. Alexanders Camp was Still asleep. The attacking party approached the Lodges Cut an opening with the Knife Through Which they thrust their rifles & discharged their deadly Contents. The heart bleeds at the thrilling Story. Alexander thirsts for revenge. He talked to Me with Moistened Eyes. He Says he must visit the Sleeping place of his Son & people. I tell him I appreciate his feelings. I Sympathise deeply with him. I had a long talk with him. I have No doubt Myself but there will be a large War party in the field this Spring

I have had to purchase Ammunition for the Camp None having been Sent up with the Annuity goods from the East

Respt &c

Jno Owen Ind Sub agt &c &c W. T.

E R Geary Eqr Supt Ind Affairs
Portland Oregon

1861

OWEN TO A WHITE SETTLER CHARGED WITH SELLING LIQUOR TO THE INDIANS

[75] Office Flathead Agency
Fort Owen Bitter Root Valley W. T. Jany 7" 1861

Sir

Information from a reliable Source has been filed in this office charging you With Selling Spirituous Liquors on the Bitter Root Reservation

If true you have violated the intercourse law & your own Word given to Me at this place Some Month Since.

Your property is liable to be Seised & taken. You have until Wednesday Noon Jay 9" either to refute the Charges or leave this reserve.

Respt Yours
JNO OWEN Ind Sub agt &c &c

To GEORGE WHITE Esqr

OWEN TO FATHER MENATRY CHALLENGING THE MISSIONARY'S UNDERSTANDING ABOUT LUMBER FURNISHED BY ST. IGNATIUS MISSION

[79] Office Flathead Agency
Fort Owen Bitter Root Valley W. T. Feby 4" 1861

REVD FATHER MENETERY Supr St Ignatius Mission

Dear Sir

Yours 5 Ultimo recd & contents Noted. The Bill for Vegetables & other articles furnished Mr Tipton I have Examined. I Must be allowed to Say in all candor that I think the prices chgd are Exorbitant particularly fifty cents pr head for Cabbages. As for the lumber you certainly are laboring under a very Egregious Mistake as to the arrangement agreed upon with Me. Mr Higgins who was present at Your Mission when I agreed with you for the lumber is here And he Says he has No recollection of Money being agreed upon by Me in return for it. Mr Calkins the Mill Wright is also here & he tells Me that he gave you distinct instructions as to the Kind of lumber he Wanted

I Certainly do appreciate the Spirit that prompts you to decline

the price that disinterested Gent. have told you that lumber Was Worth Say $50.00 pr 1000 feet. You Say Nothing but cash will suit you & that you are willing to take $40.00 pr 1000 &c &c one thing I will Say to you & that is where Mills are Erected for Custom Work Sawyers are generally Employed that can read the Bill & cut it as it is ordered. They also have roads Made to the Mills in order that teams can go & come with timber &c In My case with the Mission Mill it is quite the reverse. Lumber that I wanted I have Not got. The road I had to construct in order to get My teams to your Mill. The labor of pit Sawing which I was in hopes to obviate by Making a change with the Mission has Not been Saved. Say Nothing of the loss of time I Expended on the road. You quote the price of Lumber at Colville which you say is $50.00 pr 1000. If I Mistake Not that is the price pd for lumber dilvd at the Govt post The Vegetables I will pay you for So Soon as I can get your Voucher. The Bill for the lumber with your letter I will Submit to the Dept for further instructions I was in hopes to be able to reciprocate the favor the Mission Seemd So readily to grant. But I find from your last Notes My good intentions are completely thwarted. Had I agreed to pay you cash for the lumber I certainly should have Known that I had funds in My hands for that purpose. It would have been Much better for Me had I Not depended on the Mission for the lumber as I could have had it all or Nearly so pit Sawd with about the Same amt. of labor I Expended without accomplishing hardly any thing

Resps &c

JNO OWEN

OWEN TO GEARY ANNOUNCING HIS DETERMINATION TO DISCOVER AND RETAKE, IF POSSIBLE, THE WHITE CHILDREN CAPTURED BY THE SNAKE INDIANS AT THE SALMON FALLS MASSACRE

[82] Office Flathead Agency
Fort Owen Bitter Root Valley W. T. February 13" 1861

Sir

From a lengthy Communication in the Oregonian giving an account of the last falls horrible Massacre Near Salomon falls of Snake river[12] I see there were four Children that Capt Dent U.S.A.

[12] The Salmon Falls Massacre occurred on September 9, 1860. A party of forty-four men, women and children was attacked by Snake Indians. Fifteen were rescued. Four children, two boys and two girls, were carried off and never heard of again. *Depredations and Massacres, opus citra.* Carey, *Oregon, opus citra,* p. 661, note.

(who relieved the Emigrants that were Saved) was Not able to recover. They Say they are prisoners among the Snakes. Bleeding humanity imediately called for Every Effort to be used in the release of the juvinile Captives We could Not listen to these reports with indifference I feel Satisfied that if the Children are alive I will recover them It will be a Satisfaction at least to learn their fate. Much Valuable information May be recd that can be placed at the disposal of the War Dept. for Next Summers operation in the field. I shall Start with ten picked trusty Men in the Morning on the laudible Enterprise May it be crowned with Success. I have Known these Snake Indians Nearly twelve years. I once possessed their Entire Confidence. And will Make Every honorable Effort in My power to retain it. I am anxious to Visit the Snake Camp report Says they No. 150 Lodges & are in a Most destitute condition Starving & Naked. They do Not Seem disposed to conceal their late dark & bloody deeds. On the Contrary they Speak of it boastingly. Two Companies of Well Mtd Troops Well Officered Could have taken this Entire Camp prisoners this Winter. But take the field in the Spring with a large body of troops the News precedes them. The Ind is on the alert & will take to the Sage plains & Mts. Subsist on roots & Crickets. In fact they will live where Troops would starve. The trail of these lost Children is cold & dim But if once Struck it will be followed until the Children are Either recovered or their fate ascertained beyond a doubt. [83] It would be a happy Moment in My life to be able to restore them to the arms of their inconsolable parents. It is a laudible Enterprise & without orders or instructions I Shall take the field Hoping My course May Meet your hearty approval

I remain Respt Your obt Servt
Jno Owen Ind Sub agt &c &c W. T.

To E. R. Geary Esqr Supt Ind. affairs
Portland Oregon

Owen to Geary on the Destitution of the Snake Tribe and the Outrages committed upon them by the White Men

[83] Office Flathead Agency
Fort Owen Bitter Root Valley W. T. Feby 13" 1861

Sir

My Expressman Moyese Rives who left here for Walla Walla Decr 1st reached here the 1st inst but without any word from your

office. Agent Cain writes Me that he detained him at W. W. three Weeks for the Express purpose of giving him time to hear from you in reply to letters Sent down The Snake Indians I wrote you for information concerning are Still hanging around & Committing depredations on the Stock of Settlers & others. They are objects of Charity I Visited their huts Made of boughs & grass Myself in order that I might Not be deceived by the intelligence I had recd Poor Miserable Naked Starving Wretches. Language is inadequate to describe their truly destitute condition The citizens have appealed to Me & petitioned Me as the only Govt. officer Near to Make some provisions for them. I am issuing them Beef & Flour in Small quantities. I have procured Some tents for them

In fact I could not resist the appeal after Visiting them & with My own Eyes beholding their condition. I do realy think that with kind treatment & a prudent Expenditure of a few thousand Dollars Every Year that these Indians could be drawn from their predatory habits & Settled quietly [84] in the Salmon river country & be taught and induced to cultivate the Soil. These Indians twelve years ago were the avowed friends of the White Man I have had their Young Men in My Employment as Hunters Horse Guards Guides &c &c I have traversed the length & breadth of their Entire Country with large bands of Stock unmolested. Their present hostile attitude can in a great Measure be attributed to the treatment they have recd from unprincipled White Men passing through their Country. They have been robd Murdered their Women outraged &c &c and in fact outrages have been Committed by White Men that the heart would Shudder to record. Those are incontrovertible facts, I do Not Wish to see these Indians Shielded from the punishment they so justly deserve. Still these are paliating circumstances that is No More than just should be shown in their favor. The picture is dark clothed in the Most Extenuating garb. I will use My utmost Endeavors while out in search of the four Captive Children to find out the leaders in the late dark & Bloody Massacre. I shall take two competent & trusty Snake & Bannac interpreters. Men who are closely allied to the tribes by Marriage Men who have lived & Moved with them for Many Years. It is Necessary for Me to have Men Not only that talk the language fluently but Men that the tribe have implicit confidence in & Men too that are Not afraid to Communicate My words as they should be. It is Sometimes Necessary to Communicate peaceful & healthy Messages to the Indian With [————?] in hand. It is Well Enough that the olive Branch should be close by. But

there are occassions when the Rifle should have precedence And no one Sav him who is familiar with the Indian Character Knows when to Make this Nice difference placing one in the assendensy of the other

Respt Yours &c
JNO OWEN Ind Sub Agt &c &c &c W. T.

E. R. GEARY, Esqr Supt Ind Affairs
Portland Oregon

OWEN TO GEARY ENUMERATING THE REPORTS RECENTLY SENT TO HIM

[85] Office Flathead Agency
Fort Owen Bitter Root Valley W. T. Feby 13" 1861

Sir

The following Communications have been forwarded to your office from this agency all of which I hope came Safe to hand

1	Nov.	7"	1860
2	"	29"	" Acknowledged
1	"	30"	" do
1	Decr	1st	"
1	"	3rd	" Acknowledged
1	"	21st	"
3	Feby	13"	1861

10 The last Communication recd from Your office bears date Oct 11" 1860

Respt Your obt Sevt
JNO OWEN Ind Sub agt &c &c &c W. T.

To E. E. GEARY Esqr Supt Ind affairs
Portland Oregon

OWEN TO COLONEL WRIGHT ADVISING THAT OFFICER IN REGARD TO THE BEST ROUTES AND METHODS OF PROCEDURE FOR THE CONTEMPLATED CAMPAIGN AGAINST THE SNAKE INDIANS

[87] Office Flat Head Agency
Fort Owen Bitter Root Valley W. T. Feby 14th 1861

Sir

I See from the last Oregon papers Notice of your intention of

taking the field in person next spring at the head of a large body of troops against the Snake Indians

A large portion of the very camp you want to meet & punish are now within Some three days ride from this place and are openly boasting of the part they performed in the late horid tragedy

With the opening of Spring they may again move towards the great Emigrant trail.

The band of Boise Snakes Indians is not large They are outcasts of the main Snake or Shohonee tribe It will be difficult to Say where you will find them in the spring. Your movements with a large force intended for the Boise region will reach them ere your command is under way.

The enemy you are in search of will leave the trail clear for the invading column, they will take to the Sage plains & mts where troops could not follow & subsist the Scarcity of water alone would preclude the possibility of a large body of troops penetrating far into their country Say nothing of other objections such as rocks Scarcity of wood & grass. The few Springs of water in that Barren Sterill waste the Indian Knows the precise locality of Crickets & roots about every thing the country affords, they can Subsist on. You may Say the country for miles is destitute of Game Grass Wood & Water.

[88] I will my dear Sir through the purest of motives Coupled with a Strong desire for the Success & happy termination of your movement make this Suggestion.

That at Walla Walla or Some other Convenient point divide the Column. Let one half pass up the old beaten track to some designated point at or near Fort Boise or Fort Hall.

The other half take the W W & F. B. M. Road[13] to this valley & then a Southerly direction to the point designated for the Consentration of the two columns. You will in this way gain great advantage over the enemy by attacking him at two points.

Furthermore a Column to Cooperate with you from Utah would cover the three points of the angle and completely close or guard the aveneus of escape. You move only from Walla Walla the Enemy will fly this way & Vice Versa Keeping all the time before & out of reach of the invading Army

The Snake Camp from what I can learn have already had Some intimation that troops would move agains them Next Spring. They are in Search of Amunition & Guns. They are openly defying the

[13] The Walla Walla and Fort Benton Military Road was generally known as the Mullan Road.

infant Settlement of Deer Lodge Valley. They have already Killed some 20 or 30 head of Stock belonging to the Setlers

We are surrounded with these hostile demonstrations & do require troops in our midst. We have no protection neither civil or Military.

Should you require competent Bannack & Snake interpreters & Guides you can readily procure them here

Men who are familiar with the Ind [89] language & passes of the mountains.

With feelings of high regard I beg leave my dear Sir to Remain your Obt Servt

JOHN OWEN Ind Sub Agent In charge Flt Head Nation

To Col GEO WRIGHT U. S. A.[14]
Commanding Dept of Oregon Vancouver
Care E R GEARY Esqr Supt Ind Affairs

OWEN TO GEARY REPORTING FURTHER DEPREDATIONS BY THE SNAKES

[86] Office Flathead Agency
Fort Owen Bitter Root Valley W. T. Feby 16" 1861

Sir

Complaints this day have been filed in this office of the Straggling Snake Camp haing driven off Some ten head of Cattle belonging to the Settlers above. I Will again Call the attention of the Dept. to these poor destitute Indians. When Called up & questioned about the depredations they commit they Make No attempt at denial But plead Sheer & absolute Necessity.

I having been issuing them Small quantities of Beef & flour but the Amt. I give them Seems inadequate to their Wants. I have for the present appeased the Whites. How long they will remain & bear the loss their Stock is continualy Exposed to I can Not Say

Respt Your Obt Sevt
JNO OWEN Ind Sub agt &c &c &c W. T.

To E. R. GEARY Esqr Supt Ind affairs
Portland Oregon

[14] Colonel George Wright was a notable Indian fighter. Bancroft, *Oregon, Washington*, and Meany, *opus citra*, give many details of his life.

OWEN TO L. L. BLAKE, PLACING HIM IN CHARGE OF THE EXPEDITION IN SEARCH OF THE CAPTIVE CHILDREN AND GIVING HIM EXPLICIT ORDERS FOR HIS GUIDANCE

[89] Office Flathead Agency
Fort Owen Bitter Root Valley W. T. Feby 18" 1861

Dear Sir

You are hereby placed in charge of the Ind Dept party now moving in Search of the four white children taken prisoners from the Oregon Emegrants last fall.

The anticipated return of the Flathead camp from Buffalo precludes the propriety of my going in person

The enterprise I now place in your hands is laudible & common humanity dictates that it should be prosicuted to the fullest extent & with the greatest vigor even to the chances of life & property both being lost

On reaching the Settlement of Deer Lodge Valley you are authorised to procure two competent Bannack & Snake Guides and Interpreters. I suggest Dempsey and La Vatti as two competent men.

They are from my own Knowledge, familiar with the Ind tongue & the Country through which you may have to pass.

The more to guarantee the Success of the movement The more you Should be Consciliatory [90] with the Inds you expect to See you will enter the Snake camp camp as a trader. The object of your Visit had better be Kept quiet until you have gained Some clue as to the Whereabouts of the Captives

By Kind treatment the Ind will not Suspect you, and in an unguarded moment may give you the desired information you are in quest of. You will use the Utmost Vigilance for the Security of your party & the Govnt property

Be careful in the Selection of your Camps. While in the Enemies Country Should you have the good fortune to Strike the trail of the Children (Which God grant may be the Case) Spare neither means or time for the rescue. By Speaking Kindly to Some of the principal Snakes & treating them liberally you may Elicit their Sympathies & Secure their Services in this human enterprise. You have a Small party but your Men are reliable. They must be entirely Subservient to your orders. Move with great caution. The security of your animals at Night is of the greatest importance.

The rescue of the poor Captives will be to you & party a Never fading Laurel

From the Ind Dept Stores you have with you, you are authorised to make the principal men of the Snake & Bannack Camp liberal presents. If possible make them a feast in the Name of their Great father the Pres. of the U. S. Use all honorable means to gain their Confidence. As to the contemplated movement, Against them, of troops in the Spring Say nothing, Get possession of all the information you can that may be of Service to the Millitary Department of Oregon. Try and ferit out the principal leaders of the late horid [91] massacre. The causes that prompted it &c. Further instructions I deem unnecessary. You I do Sincerely hope you Enter into and appreciate the Spirit of your all important Mission. It is hazardous. But with due caution & prudent Steps I anticipate the Most favorable results.

You will have an Eye to Economy. See that No unnecessary Expenses are incurrd, Nor useless Expenditure of public property Made. With My Warmest Wishes for the happy and desirable termination of your Enterprise

I remain Respt. Yours &c

JNO OWEN Ind Sub agt In charge Flathead Nation W. T.

To L. L. BLAKE Esqr

OWEN TO GEARY STATING THAT THE IMPENDING RETURN OF THE FLATHEADS HAD CAUSED HIM TO PUT BLAKE IN CHARGE OF THE PARTY ORGANIZED TO SEARCH FOR THE CHILDREN

[91] Office Flathead Agency Feby 18" 1861

Sir

I have just been Notified of the proximity of the Flathead Camp & did Not deem it prudent for Me to be away when they arrived. The party for the rescue of the four white children had already Moved which I imediately placed under the charge & direction of Mr L. L. Blake With instructions in the premises a copy of which I herewith have the honor to Submit for your Examination

Respt &c

JNO OWEN Ind Sub agt

E. R. GEARY Esqr Supt Ind Affairs
Portland Oregon

OWEN TO GEARY ANNOUNCING HIS INTENTION TO DIVERT SOME $8200 FROM THE TREATY FUND IN HIS HANDS TO THE PAYMENT FOR THE TRANSPORTATION OF 82000 POUNDS OF ANNUITY GOODS FROM FORT BENTON

[85] Office Flathead Agency &c Feby 21st 1861

Sir

I wrote You Novr. 29" 1860 that I had to promise for the transportation of the Flathead Annuity Goods from Benton to this place 15¢ pr lb. Subject to your approval. I am Not in receipt of any Comunication from your office Since 11" Oct. last. Parties are Now willing inasmuch as I have No funds applicable for the payment of transportation to take 10¢ pr lb which is the price Com. Greenwood was informed by Gov. Stevens that the goods could be freighted for. You have been apprised by Me that in consequence of the lateness of the Season when your order reached Me on Agt. Vaughan for the goods that P. Choteau Jr & Co had with drawn their proposition to freight for 10¢ pr lb. I trust funds are already in your hands from the appropriation Made 1st Session 36" Congress for transportation Flathead Annuities. I shall therefore pay the chge of transporting the Annuity goods out of the treaty fund now in My hands trusting it will meet the approval of the Dept. as it will be a Saving on the 82298 lbs transported of $4114.90 If the Amt. So diverted from the applied object be refunded during the Spring the Service will be benefitted & Not injured by the informal Act.

Respt &c

JNO OWEN Ind Sub agt

To E. R. GEARY, Esq. Supt Ind affs &c

COMMISSIONER GREENWOOD TO OWEN NOTIFYING HIM OF HIS FURTHER APPOINTMENT AS AGENT FOR THE INDIANS OF WASHINGTON TERRITORY *

Department of the Interior,
Office Indian Affairs
March 2nd, 1861

JOHN OWEN, Esq., Care Supt. E. R. GEARY,
Portland, Oregon

Sir,

Under a provision of an Act of Congress of the 8th ultimo,

creating three Indian Agencies for the Territory of Washington, you have been appointed by the President by and with the advice and consent of the Senate, Agent for the Indians of that Territory, and I herewith transmit your commission.

You will execute a bond of which I send you herewith the form in the penal sum of $10,000 with two or more sureties, whose sufficiency must be certified by a Judge or a District Attorney of a District Court of the Unted States; and before such Judge or a Justice of the Peace take the official oath, of which a form is attached to the bond. If the oath is taken before the latter his official character must be certified by the proper Court or office under seal. Which, when executed, you will place with William W. Miller, Esq., at Olympia, who has been appointed as Superintendent of Indian Affairs in that Territory; and if he shall find the same executed as above required, upon reporting yourself to him he will assign you to duty, and give you all needful instructions. All correspondence with this Office must be conducted through him.

Your compensation will be at the rate of $1,500 per annum, to commence from the date of your bond and oath.

Very Respectfully, Your Obdt. Servant,
A. B. GREENWOOD, Commissioner.

OWEN TO FATHER MENATRY ABOUT SUPPLIES BOUGHT FROM THE MISSION

[92] Jocko Reservation W. T.
Mar 6" 1861

REVD FATHER MENETRY Supr St. Ignatius Mission
Dear Sir

While at the Mission Yesterday I Neglected to get the Amount of the Bill for the Oats & Barley Mr. Blake bargained with you for. If I remember correctly he told Me he had agreed with you for twenty Bushels of Each

You will please send Mr Tipton word when he can get it as he will want to Sow it as Early as possible

The Bill for Same Sent Me will Meet My prompt attention

Respt your obt Sevt
JNO OWEN Ind Sub agt &c &c &c W. T.

OWEN TO GEARY DEFENDING HIS COURSE IN TRANSPORTING THE ANNUITY GOODS FROM FORT BENTON TO FORT OWEN AT HEAVY EXPENSE IN ORDER TO ALLAY THE INDIAN'S DISAFFECTION

[93] Office Flathead Agency
Fort Owen Bitter Root Valley W. T. March 9" 1861

Sir

Your Communication 26th Decr last recd & Contents Noted. Regarding the liability Contracted for transportation of Flathead Annuity Goods from Benton to this place You Say in Your Opinion could & Should have been avoided. Will Supt. Geary have the kindness to intimate to Me the Manner in Which I could have transported 40000 tons [pounds] of goods Some 300 Miles Without incurring some such liability when it was well Known to the Dept in Washington that 10¢ pr lb was the Minimum price the Stores were Ever proposed to be transported for. From the delay of the goods by Agt Vaughan the pack train I purchased of Walter Davis Availed Me but little. This fact I apprised you of in a former Communication. When Your order on Agt Vaughan reached Me the Season was far advanced. Nothing but My assurance to the Inds that I would use Every Exertion to get their long delayed Annuities over would Satisfy them. The Smouldering Elements of disaffection Engendered by the long & Continued disappointments were ready to Explode. At any Expense I thought it best to arest the threatening position the disappointed Indians had assumed. I say it was late when Your order on Agt Vaughan for the Stores reached Me. The pack train after Making two fruitless trips could Make but another With Safety. Consequently I was driven to the Necessity of Employing such transportation as the country afforded after its resources being Nearly Exhausted by the requisitions Made to furnish Major Blake's Command of U. S. troops while passing through En. Route for Walla Walla. I trust this Explanation will be Satisfactory & that the Dept. will Not hold back the Amt. so justly due for Such important Services performed.

Respt Your obt sevt
JNO OWEN Ind Sub agt &c &c &c W. T.

To E. R. GEARY Esq Supt Ind affairs
Portland Oregon

OWEN TO GEARY DESCRIBING HIS COUNCIL WITH THE SNAKES AND OUTLINING THE TREATMENT WHICH SHOULD BE GIVEN TO THEM BY THE GOVERNMENT

[94] Office Flathead Agency
Fort Owen Bitter Root Valley W. T. March 12" 1861

Sir

Your Communication 23rd Decr last is at hand It forces a heavy & Serious responsibility on My Shoulders without any corresponding Encouragement or assistance Whatever. The Elements of Disaffection that Surrounded us on the 3rd of Decr last are daily growing darker I have another delegation of Snake & Bannac Indians Numbering 14 Lodges I have had two days Council with them. Two of the principal Men I had to Send three different times for & they only came when I Sent them Word that the Next one who came for them would be Myself in person It is true they came but Sulkily. The Camp is Some 150 yds from the fort No Medium course would answer I was compelled to take a decided Stand & I trust I Maintained it through the two tedious days that followed Nearly as possible I dissected their very thoughts. I told them I did Not Want to talk to Women. They Must look Me in the face & answer My questions &c They denied having had anything to do in any way whatever with the last Sept Massacre They say it is the Inds from the Humbolt that Visit the Emigrant trail in the Vicinity of Boise about the time the leaves Commence to fall They say they are the Same Inds that Make the frequent forays upon the Warm Spring reservation Be this as it May they Say they Know Nothing of the Children Major Stein of the U. S. A. Writes are Supposed to be prisoners among the Snakes. I offered them Every inducement to go in pursuit of them But they Say they are Not friendly with the Humbolt Indians They tell Me that the Inds on the Humbolt & through that Section of country are Numerous but poor. They use the poisoned arrows & Shoot them with great accuracy. Should Mr Blake be [95] unsuccessful on his trip in pursuit of the children I think Seriously of going Myself with three or four reliable Indians. It of course will be attended with Some considerable risk but that should be a Secondary consideration when compared with the object to be attained. I would Not wish to achieve any greater glory than to restore them to the arms of their afflicted parents. The Snake camp Now here have the character of being friendly to the White Man They say their hands have Never been Stained with White Mans Blood. They are Willing to pilot the troops. But they are Not

Strong Enough to go alone. They in My opinion could be used to great advantage by the Military A large portion of the Snake Camp Never have been hostile to the Whites It is hard that they should suffer for the outrages committed by other tribes contiguous to them. I would here suggest to the Dept that Some Steps be taken to concentrate the friendly Indians at some point & place them in charge of Some trusty persons Where they could Subsist themselves in part on game & fish Let the Govt furnish them that Amt. of Subsistance that the rifle & hook fail to procure. These friendly Snakes Some day May be Valuable allies. By Kind treatment their allegiance to our cause can be Strengthened. I think it will be a Wise Step for the Dept to take. There are Snake Indians here that I Would Not fear in any imergency. The camp here is poor I am Still compelld to issue them Beef & flour to prevent their being driven through necessity to forage upon the Stock of our Settlers. Again I Will say & Suggest to the Dept that Something be done to ameliorate the Condition of these poor but friendly & deserving Indians of this large & formidable tribe

Respt Your obt Svt
JNO OWEN Ind Sub agt &c &c W. T.

To E. R. GEARY Esqr Supt Ind affairs
Portland Oregon

GEARY'S ESTIMATE OF THE EXPENSE NECESSARY IN PROPERLY MAINTAINING OWEN'S POSITION AT FORT OWEN DURING THE YEAR 1862

[96] Estimate of funds required at the Flat Head Agency W. T. Embracing the Flathead Kootenay Upper Pends Orielle & Mountain Snake & Bannac Indians during the fiscal Year Ending June 30" 1862

For the general incidental Expenses of the Indian Service &c as follows

For	office Expenses fuel lights & Stationary	$300.00
"	Expenses of Expresses (the great distance of the Flathead Agency from Military Posts & Post offices being duly considered) 100 days @ $5.00	500.00
For	traveling Expenses of the Sub agent including the Service of guides ferryages &c	500.00

For the Customary feast given to the different tribes on Christmas	500.00
For presents & Subsistence to Indians Coming from a distance to Visit the Flathead Agency	250.00
	$2050.00

for defraying the Expenses of the removal & Subsistence &c as follows

For pay & Subsistence of 1 Pack Master	$60.00 pr Mo	720.00
For pay & Do of 5 packers for 1 Year	60.00 " "	3600.00
" " " Do " 2 laborers " 1 "	60.00 " "	1440.00
Presents & provisions for destitute Indians		300.00
For Aiding Indians (Not provided for in treaty Stipulations to procure their own Subsistence by providing them with agricultural tools Seeds &c		700.00

For the following articles required for general purposes at the Flathead agency

40 Mules With aparigos & rigging	$150.00	6000.00
6 Yoke Work oxen	140.00	840.00
1 Waggon		200.00
6 Plows	$22.00	132.00
		$13932.00

Agency Buildings With requisite out houses	$3500.00
For adjusting difficulties preventing outbreaks & Maintaining peace	$600.00

[97] Recapitulation

General Incidental Expenses &c	$2050.00
Defraying the Expenses of the removal &c	13932.00
Adjusting difficulties preventing outbreaks &c	600.00
Agency Buildings	3500.00
	$20082.00

"Signed" E. R. GEARY Supt Ind affairs O & W.

"Note" Owing to the remote position of the Flathead agency

from this office it was impracticable to obtain an Estimate from Sub agent Owen in due Season. The above Estimate however based upon the actual and Known wants of his agency it is hoped will be deemed sufficient

"Signed" E. R. Geary Supt Ind affairs O & W.

Geary to Owen in Approval of Some of His Acts but Declaring that Owen Should Have Cancelled the $25,000 of Liabilities Incurred by Him through Use of Funds Already Sent

[124] "Copy"

Office Supt Ind Affrs
Portland Oregon March 25" 1861

Sir

Your letter of 21st December last as also your 3 letters of 13" and one of 16" February reached this office to day. I am sorry to learn that my two letters dated on 26" and 27" Decemb in reply to yours conveyed to Walla Walla by your Expressman Moyese Rives did not reach you by that Expressman.

Your proposed action for the recovery of the White Children now held in captivity by the Snake Indians, and for the discovery of the leaders in the late massacre of Emigrants at Salmond Falls has my cordial approval

In regard however to the Snake Indians as also the views of this office concerning them and other Indians of your district I refer You to my letter of the 27th December

Your action also in issuing Small quantities of beef and flour to the Stragling band of Snake Indians in your vicinity, So far as the Same may be absolutely necessary to prevent Starvation is also approved But you will not fail to bear in mind that it is not within my power to authorize you to contract any liabilities either for the above or any other purpose

The liabilities which you have already contract[ed] with parties in this vicinity and amounting to over $25,000 have not as yet been paid for the reason that the total amount received at this office during the current fiscal year applicable to your Agency, was turned over to you in September last. Those funds should have been applied by you to the payment of your liabilities

Upon examineing your list of letters [125] addressed to this office I observe that all the letters you refer to have been received except the one dated on the 1st December last

Very respectfully Your obt Servant
"Signed" EDWARD R GEARY Supt Ind affrs

To Maj JNO OWEN Ind Sub Agent
Flathead Agency W. T

OWEN TO GENERAL MILLER ENCLOSING HIS OFFICIAL BOND AND REPORTING FOR DUTY

[97] Portland Oregon May 17" 1861

Sir

Herewith I have the honor in accordance with instructions from the Hon. A. B. Greenwood com. of Ind affairs having date March 2nd last to transmit you My official bond & report Myself for duty

Respt Yours Obt Sevt
JNO OWEN Ind agt W. T.

To Genl. W. W. MILLER[18] Supt. Ind affairs
W. T. Olympia P. S. W. T.

INDIAN COMMISSIONER DOLE TO GEARY SAYING OWEN HAS CONFUSED HIS ACCOUNTS AND THAT THEY CANNOT BE APPROVED UNTIL RESTATED

[92] Department of the Interior
Office Indian Affairs
May 27" 1861

Sir

I herewith transmit for correction the accounts current of John Owen as Special agt from October 1st 1857 to May 31st 1859 & as Ind Sub. agt. for the Year Ending June 3rd 1860

[18] General W. W. Miller was prominent in Washington politics. For biography, Bancroft, *Washington*, p. 118, note, also pp. 54, 270, 272, and Stevens, *opus citra*, v. II, p. 307, for events of his career.

Mr. Owen has committed the Mistake of bringing his account as Spl. Agt. into his Subsequent account as Ind Sub. agt. It will be Necessary for Mr Owen to restate his accounts & close them under their appropriate heads before they can receive the approval of the Treasury Dept.

Very Respt &c
Wm. T. Dole Commissioner

To E. R. Geary Esq Supt Ind affrs
Portland Or.
"Note"
"The Hon Com. request to restate My a/cs declind" as per letter to Supt. Geary July 6" 1861 Page "98"

J Owen

[The text of the letter to Geary in which Owen refuses to restate his accounts follows shortly.]

Geary to Owen Communicating the Indian Bureau's Request for a restatement of Owen's accounts

[115] "Copy"

Office Supt Ind Affairs
Portland Ogn July 5" 1861

Sir

Herewith I Enclose to you the copy of a letter from the Com. of Ind affairs (on Page 92) dated May 27" 1861 together with your account as Special Agent from October 1st 1857 to May 31st 1859 & as Ind Sub agt for the Year Ending June 3rd 1860

You will perceive that you are required to restate your Accounts & I have to request that you will give this Subject Your immediate attention

Very Respt &c Your obt Servt
"Signed" E. R. Geary Supt Ind affars

To Major Jno Owen Late Ind Sub agt
Portland Ogn
"Note" The Supt request respectfully declined as pr Agt. Owen's letter July 6" 1861 Page 98 returning the Accounts referd to

OWEN TO GEARY REFUSING TO CHANGE HIS ACCOUNTS AND DECLARING THEM TO BE PROPERLY PREPARED

[98] Portland Oregon
July 6" 1861

Sir

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter 5 Inst With its Enclosures

In regard to the alleged "Mistake of bringing My accounts as Special agent into My Subsequent account as Ind Sub agt" & the requirement of the Dept that I shall restate the Same I have respectfully to say that My two accounts are Entirely Separate and distinct and do not in the least clash With Each other.

In reference to the disbursement Made by Me in My capacity of Sub Agent in payment of liabilities created by Me in My capacity of Special agent I have to State that the Same Was Made in compliance with your instructions & that in paying the Same I was Simply Carrying out your directions

As therefore any alteration in the Statement of My accounts Would be greater or less departure from the actual facts I Must respectfuly decline to Make any other or different Statement of the Same. The accounts referred to are herewith returned.

Very Respt Your obt Servt
JNO OWEN Ind agt W. T.

To E. R. GEARY Esqr Supt Ind affairs
Portland Oregon

GEARY TO OWEN STATING THAT HIS ACCOUNTS HAVE BEEN APPROVED AND FORWARDED TO WASHINGTON

[125] Office Supt Ind Affairs
Portland Oregon July 20" 1861

Sir

I have to inform you that your final accounts as Ind Sub Agent covering the perioud commencing 4th June 1860 and ending May 16" 1861 having been examined in this office and and approved

have been forwarded in duplicate to the Commissioner of Indian affairs

Very respectfully Your obt Servant
"Signed" Edwar R Geary Supt Ind Affairs
Q. A. Brooks[16] Chief Clerk
"Copy"

To Maj Jno Owen Indian Agent
Portland Oregon

Owen to Superintendent Kendall Complaining of the Long Delay in Supplying Him With Funds to Enable Him to Meet the Arrears of His agency

[99] Portland Oregon
Sept. 12" 1861

Sir

I herewith hand you My annual report for the Year 1860 as also My Estimate of appropriations Not provided for by treaty Stipulations required for the Flathead agency for the fiscal year Ending June 30" 1863

The report of Dr Jas A. Mullan Physician for the Flathead Nation dated on the 27" May last was furnished to your predecessor Supt. Geary

No remittance of funds having been recd by your predecessor applicable to the half Year Ending June 30" 1861 My agency is in Consequence Much in arrears. Owing to the remote Situation of My agency I have found it impracticable to Visit the Supts office oftener than once a Year

I have been here Since Early in May last Waiting to receive funds to pay off My outstanding indebtedness & to defray the Current Expenses of My Agency during the Next Year

I have therefore to request that you will be Kind Enough to turn over to Me whatever funds May be in your hands for the Flat Head Agency applicable to the 1st 2nd 3rd & 4th Quarters of 1861 accom-

[16] Quincy Brooks became an important and influencial man in the Northwest. Stevens, *opus citra*, v. II, p. 248, mentions him.

panied by Such instructions as you May deem Necessary & that I be allowed to return to My post of duty without further delay

Very Respectfuly Your obt Sevt
JNO OWEN Ind agt Flathead Nation W. T.

To B. F. KENDALL[17] Esqr Supt Ind affairs
Olympia P.[uget] S.[ound] W. T.

OWEN'S CERTIFICATION THAT $25,000 IN EXCESS OF TREATY STIPULATIONS IS REQUIRED FOR THE FLATHEAD AGENCY FOR THE YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 1863

[100] Estimate of appropriations not provided for by treaty Stipulations required for the Flathead Agency W. T. Embracing the Flathead Kootenay Upper Pend D'Oreilles & Mountain Snakes and Bannack Indians during the fiscal year Ending June 30" 1863 viz

For the general incidental Expenses of the Indian Service &c viz. office, Expenses, fuel, lights, & Stationary	$500.00
Express Services (the great distance of the Flathead Agency from Military posts & Post offices being duly Considered) 200 days @ $5.00	1000.00
Traveling Expenses of Agent including guides & ferriages	1000.00
Presents of clothing Amunition & Subsistence To Indians coming from a distance to Visit the Flathead Agency	1500.00
Customary feast to the different tribes on Christmas	600.00
	$4600.00

For defraying the Expenses of the removal & Subsistence &c viz	
Pay of 1 Packmaster 1 Year	$1200.00
" " 5 Packers 1 Year @ $60.00 pr Mo	$3600.00
" " 2 laborers & 1 Cook 1 Year @ 60.00 pr Mo	2160.00
Subsistence of 20 Employees 1 " " $250.00 Ea	5000.00
Presents of Clothing & provisions for destitute Indians	1000.00
For aiding Indians Not provided for by treaty Stipula-	

[17] B. F. Kendall, superintendent of Indian Affairs for Washington Territory had long been prominent in the Northwest. Owen's agency had recently been transferred to Kendall's jurisdiction. Bancroft, *Washington*, pp. 203-204. Stevens, *opus citra*, v. I, pp. 306, 311, 312, 317, 325, 332, 355.

tions to procure their own Subsistence by providing them With Agricultural tools Seeds &c	1000.00
	$13960.00
For 1 Agency building Store House with Council room & requisite out houses	5000.00
For adjusting difficulties & preventing outbreaks among the Indians	1500.00

[101] Recapitulation

General incidental Expenses &c	4600.00
Defraying the Expenses of the removal &c	13960.00
Adjusting difficulties & preventing outbreaks	1500.00
Agency buildings	5000.00
	$25060.00

I certify that the above sums are actually required for the purposes stated and that No part of Said Expenses are provided for by treaty Stipulations

Jno Owen Ind agt Flathead Nation W. T.

Owen to Kendall submitting His Report for 1860 and Summarizing the Indian Affairs of the Region under His Jurisdiction

[102] Portland Oregon
September 12" 1861

Sir

I have the honor to submit this My annual report for the Year 1860. I observe that My report for 1859 does Not for Some reason appear in the last annual report of the Hon. Com. of Ind affairs. Pursuant to the orders of Your predecessor Supt Geary of May 1860 I Started without delay for Fort Benton to Make provisions for the transportation of the annuity goods purchased East for the Flathead Nation by the Dept. at Washington City & shipd up the Mo river to that place. On reaching the Flathead agency I found Myself too unwell to proceed any further in person. I therefore dispatched Mr L. L. Blake & Mr. C. E. Irvine two of the Ind Dept Employees to Fort Benton with My order on agent Vaughn for the annuity goods

the former in charge of the agency Pack train & the latter to remain at Benton as shipping agent after having recd the goods from agent Vaughn

In Supt. Geary's letter of instructions of May 1860 I was clearly designated by him as the person authorised to receive the annuity goods. My instructions were Exhibited to Agent Vaughn. He however contended that his instructions from Supt. Robinson who shipd the goods from St Louis Would Not warrant him in turning them over to Me unless upon Supt. Geary's direct order on him to that Effect.

The consequence was that the Pack train Numbering Some Eighty Animals returned without loading & that the Men were Kept under pay until I could Send an Express to the Supt. for further orders in the premises.

The Season was far advanced when the Express retd with the required order. Snow was already Making its appearance on the Mts. The train could Make but one More trip & that Not with Safety. I was therefore compelled to Employ such transportation as could be obtained in the Country for which you will see by refering to My account rendered to the 16" May last that I have incurred an outlay of $8229.80 all of which could have been [108] Saved to the Dept had the goods been promptly turned over when the train first reached Fort Benton Early in August. The Withholding of the annuity goods also prevented My carrying out My instructions relative to Visiting the Snake & Bannac Indians camping on or near the great Emigrant trail passing Forts Hall & Boise

The Flatheads & Pend'Oreilles were also much disappointed in Not receiving a portion of their presents before going to buffaloe

The Scarcity of buffalo compelled them to remain out all Winter. The Camps returned in March Excepting a portion of the Chiefs Alexander band which returned in December after their defeat on Milk river by the Crees & Assinaboines. Alexander lost in Killed 20 persons his own Son being among the Number & 290 head of horses. His camp returned in a Most destitute condition

In March last I had the census of the Flathead & Upper Pen d' Oreille tribes taken. The former gives 90 families With a total of 548 Souls & the later 184 families with an aggregate of 895 Souls. The Kootenays are believed to Number over 2000 Souls but I have as Yet had no opportunity to take their census. It will thus be Seen that the total Number of Indians parties to the Flathead treaty is over 3443. The Indians are Not pleased with their annuities Many

Plate XXIX

A Flathead

A striking portrait of a Flathead brave of the period embraced in Major Owen's last years in the Northwest.

From a photograph taken on the Flathead Reservation and preserved by George Furlong, a pioneer now living in Anaconda, Montana.

Plate XXIX

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PLATE XXIX

articles which they Much Need Not having been purchased & Many of the Articles purchased Not being adapted to their Wants

I Certainly regard the purchase as a very injudicious one. But I have referred to this Subject in My last annual report (not published) & also in a Special report upon that Subject dated Nov. 30" 1860 transmitted to Com of Ind affairs by Supt. Geary pr his letter of 26" Feby 1861

I have Made considerable progress in farming considering it was so late when the Seed Wheat & plows arrivd from Portland. I will have some 150 acres under fence plowed Sowed & planted. The Material for the Grist Mill has Not been recd. Had I the Burrs & irons I Might possibly get it up for this harvest

[109] The Expense of the Mill dam was much More than was anticipated. It required an Excavation of 210 feet in length by 60 in Width but I can safely say that it is a Substantial piece of Work.

I have been visited by two delegations of Snake & Bannac Indians. Their Camps during the Winter were in a Most destitute condition & I am pleased to Know that the course I pursued in issuing them rations of Beef & flour to prevent their trespassing on the Stock of the Settlers has Met the approval of your office

I am also happy to learn that the Steps which I have taken towards recovering the four White Children taken from the Emigrants last September at the horrible Massacre at Boise have also the approval of your office. I will again call the attention of the Dept. to the Wandering bands of Snakes & Bannacks & to the propriety of Making treaties with them & making Some provisions for their Welfare. The increasing Scarcity of Game & the Constant Encroachments upon their lands by gold Miners would Seem to require some such Steps on the Score of humanity as well as of justice

They Say they had No hand in the Boise Massacre that the Indians who Make the forays upon the Emigrant road are from the Sink of Humbolt & are called Snakes because they talk the Snake language

From all I could learn of the Snakes last Winter I believe they Number some 600 Lodges with an average of Six Souls to the Lodge will give an aggregate of 3600. The Bannacks & other Small tribes on Salmon, Snake & Green rivers May be Safely Set down at 5000. Thus it will be Seen that the total Number of Indians in My district is Not less than 12043 of which 8600 are Not parties to any treaty with the United States

I will again call the attention of the Dept to the justice of confirming

to the Flathead tribe their conditional reservation in the Bitter Root Valley [110] for a time at least as I am Satisfied that the Flathead's will Never willingly leave it to remove to the Jocko Reservation

The annuity goods I divided into three Equal portions for the Flatheads Pend d'Orielles & Kootenays & Explained to them My reason for So doing.

The Kootenays Seem Not to be disposed to avail themselves of the provisions of their treaty which will account for So large an amount of the annuity Goods being on hand

The 300 head of heifers I purchased I have Not Yet issued but shall do so this fall I intend 100 head for Each tribe

Much good would result from liberal appropriations for farms &c provided the funds are faithfuly applied to the object intended

But it is of little or No use to Make such appropriations if the funds are to be Expended by the Indian Bureau in the purchase of articles Not Calculated to promote the permanent Welfare of the Indians

The following buildings have been Erected by Me during the past Year on the Jocko reservation viz one Store house, one double dwelling, for farmers & assistants, one Black Smith Shop one Mill Wright Shop, & one dwelling house for Mill Wright & party

Very respectfully Your obt Servt
Jno Owen Ind agt Flathead Nation W. T.

To B. F. Kendall Esqr Supt Ind affairs W. T.
Olympia P. S.

"Note" For Some cause Not Known the foregoing report does Not appear in the Annual report of W. P. Dole Com Ind. affrs. The undersigned declines Making any report for 1861

Jno Owen

[No doubt this "note," as in a previous similar case, was added to the text of the above letter after Owen had examined the printed document referred to. Having twice failed to secure publication of his yearly report he here declares his determination to make no report for the current year.]

OWEN TO KENDALL ANNOUNCING HIS PURCHASE OF 300 CATTLE FOR THE INDIANS AT A COST OF $10,500 AND ASKING FOR THAT AMOUNT IN ORDER TO PAY FOR THEM

[102] Portland Oregon
October 3rd 1861

Sir

In the Month of August 1860 I had an opportunity of purchasing Upon Very advantageous terms a Number of Stock Cattle for the Flathead Nation. The Animals were Mostly American Cows & the purchase of these cattle was just such an investment of the Flathead Annuity as Was above all others best calculated to promote the true interests & Substantial Welfare of the Indians Moreover the Indians were Exceedingly anxious to have such animals but I had No funds with which to Make the purchase. Upon consulting with your predecessor Supt Geary he perfectly agreed with Me as to the advantageous character of Such a purchase & assured Me that the requisite funds would be remitted by the Dept in a Short time & that when received by him they would be promptly turned over to Me

I therefore deemed it My duty under the Circumstances to Make the purchase upon Credit. There were 300 head of animals in the lot which were delivered to Me at the Jocko reservation @ $35.00 pr head Amounting to the Sum of $10500.00 & for Which Amt. I issued the usual Certified account to the party from whom the Cattle were purchased

No funds have as Yet been received by Me applicable to the payment of this purchase & the animals are Still on hand. I have therefore respectfuly to request that Whatever funds May be in your possession from the appropriation for beneficial objects for 4th Article of the Flathead treaty (Not to Exceed the Sum of $10500.00) May be placed in My hands to be applied to the payment of said purchase & that I be instructed to issue the animals to the Indians

Respt Your Obt Sevt
JNO OWEN Ind agt Flathead Nation W.T.

To B. F. KENDALL Esqr. Supt Ind affair W. T.

KENDALL TO OWEN AUTHORIZING HIM TO SELL THE PACK TRAIN UNDER CERTAIN CONDITIONS

[142] Office Supt Ind affairs W. T.
Olympia Oct. 3rd 1861

Sir

From representations Made to Me by yourself in relation to liabilities incurrd by you under instructions of the late Supt. of Ind affairs in the purchase of pack train & Cattle which liabilities are Yet outstanding I am inclined to think that it would be of advantage to the public Service to be rid of the accruing Expense of Keeping the pack train & at the same time to discharge So Much of the Govt. liabilities as possible.

You are therefore instructed to sell the pack train in your charge belonging to the Govt. provided you can do so for an amt. equal to or More than the original cost thereof

You will apply the proceeds of the Same first to the discharge of the purchase debt & the balance if any to the debt incurd by you for cattle

Yours &c
"Signd" B. F. KENDALL Supt &c

JNO OWEN Esq Ind agt &c

NESMITH TO DOLE ASKING THE APPOINTMENT OF QUINCY BROOKS AND DISCUSSING THE INDIAN SERVICE OF THE NORTHWEST

[103] Portland Oregon Oct. 3rd 1861

Sir

The Name of Quincy A. Brooks Esqr of Portland Oregon was Submitted to the Ind Bureau by E. R. Geary Esqr late Supt of Ind affairs pr his letter of 4" Decr 1860 as a person capable of rendering Efficient aid in the preparation of the New regulations for the Ind Service provided for by the 7th Section of the Act Making appropriations for the Current & Contingent Expenses of the Ind Serice approved 28th Feby 1859 I will respectfully recommend that Mr Brooks receive the appointment of Spl agent with instructions to prepare & Submit to the Dept. the programme of a complete System of Regulations for the Ind Serice. Mr B. has had some Seven Years Experience in the Ind Serice both in the office & in the field & is in Every way well qualified to discharge the duties of the posi-

tion refered to I will also observe that in case of his appointment Mr. B's. compensation can be paid without drawing upon the regular appropriations for defraying the Expenses of preparing the Said Regulations. I will Explain. There is in the hands of W. H. Rector Esq Supt Ind affairs for Oregon a Surplus of over $3000.00 of the fund for "Pay of Sub agents" which has been accumulating for several Years & Not being required for the object for which it was appropriated could by [be] applied by direction of the Dept. to the payment of Mr B. as Special agent Without any detriment to the interests of the Service here. In case of his apt. I will also observe that in addition to his task above Mentioned the Dept. could avail itself of his Services upon any Special duty which it Might assign to him And in this connection I would respectfully represent that the present outstanding liabilities of the Ind Service in O. & W. Ter. should be Examined & stated with reference to the unexpended balances of appropriations in the Treas. So as to Exhibit the Amt if any which should be appropriated to Meet these liabilities. It May Scarcely be Necessary for Me to Mention that I Would Not recommend Mr. B. or any other person for a position in the public service whom I did Not Know to be firmly attached to the Union & in favor of the Maintenance of our government & the Vindication of its laws at all hazards

Respt Yours &c
"Signed" J. W. Nesmith

To Hon Wm. P. Dole Com Ind affairs W. C. D. C.

Owen to Kendall Requesting that any Flathead Funds on Hand be Turned over to Him

[101] Portland Oregon
Oct. 4" 1861

Sir

As I am about to return to My agency in the Bitter Root Valley & shall Not Visit the Settlements again before Next May or June I have respectfully to request that you will turn over to Me whatever public funds May be in your hands appropriated for fullfilling treaty Stipulations with the Flathead Nation and for which I am in readiness to Sign the Necessary receipts

Very Respt Your obt Servt
Jno Owen Ind agt Flathead Nation W.T.

To B. F. Kendall Esqr Supt Ind affairs W. T.
Olympia P. S. W. T.

KENDALL TO OWEN ENDORSING OWEN'S PURCHASE OF CATTLE FOR THE INDIANS AS A MOST BENEFICIAL ACTION

[142] Portland Ogn Oct. 5" 1861

Sir

In reply to your letter of the 1st inst. requesting authority to devote the funds appropriated for beneficial objects for the Flathead & confederate tribes to the purchase of Cattle for Said Indians I have to say that in consideration of your having purchased Cattle under instructions of the former Supt. which are not yet paid for you are hereby authorized to devote the $5000.00 this day turned over to you to payment for such Cattle & to turn over to the Indians the same as in My opinion the Most beneficial object to which the fund could at this time be devoted

Yours &c
"Signed" B. F. KENDALL Supt &c

JNO OWEN Esq Ind agt &c

KENDALL TO OWEN CONFIDENTIALLY AUTHORIZING HIM TO SELL PUBLIC PROPERTY TO LIQUIDATE THE LIABILITIES OF THE FLATHEAD AGENCY

[142] Walla Walla W. T.
Oct. 20" 1861

"Private"
MAJ. OWEN

In reply to your request to dispose of public property of which you have a Surplus for the purpose of liquidating your outstanding liabilities I will Say that I do Not see any impropriety in Such a step providing the property can be disposed of without loss to the U.S. Treasury or detriment to the Ind Serice. Therefor you have My permission to act in the premises as you think best for the public Service

"Signd" Yours truly B. F. KENDALL

KENDALL TO OWEN CONVEYING FURTHER PRIVATE INSTRUCTIONS ABOUT MEETING AN AGENCY OBLIGATION

[143] Walla Walla W. T.
Oct. 24" 1861

"Private"
MAJ. OWEN

From all I can learn the pack train will Not bring any More than the original purchase Money.

Now under your instructions you are called upon to Make the best Sale possible. If in your opinion you can but Meet that amount at Walla Walla you could send them there provided you were sure of taking up that voucher by so doing. But if that voucher is presented to you you have the discretion under your instructions to take it up with them

You understand the construction of My instructions as well as any one & you Must do the best you can under the circumstances

Yours truly
"Signed" B. F. KENDALL

OWEN TO KENDALL IN REPLY TO THE PRIVATE INSTRUCTIONS AND ANNOUNCING HIS DECISION TO SELL THE PACK TRAIN IF POSSIBLE

[146] Office Flathead Agency
Fort Owen B. R. V. W. T.
Novr. 20" 1861

Sir

Your two Communications of 20" & 24" Ultimo from Walla Walla recd & contents duly Noted. In reply to the first I will State that a large amt. of the anuity goods intended for the Kootenay tribe of the Flathead Nation are Still on hand as you will observe by refering to Sub. agt Owen's property return rend Supt. E. R. Geary Esqr May 16" 1861. The Kootenay tribe reside Nth. of the line & ignore the treaty. Several times I have sent them Kind Messages telling them that their annuities had been here over a year & that I wishd them to come & get them. The Flathead & Pends Orielle tribes had recd their full portion as you will see by their receipts furnished Supt. Geary May 16" 1861 at which time I suggested to him the propriety of Slling the portion then remaining on hand as an advance over Cost & transportation could be obtained for them &

the proceeds of such Sale applied to the liquidation of the outstanding liabilities incurred against [by] the agency for the want of the transportation & other contingent funds appropriated during the 1st & 2nd Sess 36" Congress Not Yet recd. I shall therefore dispose of the surplus on hand based upon your permission & apply the Same to payment of claims against the agency. A Strict & correct account will be Kept of the property so Sold as well as the prices brought & send to the Dept in My Next returns

The Dept. can at any time it sees proper refund to the Flathead Nation the Amt. So diverted from the appropriation made for Benefl objects. In reply to your Second Communication I will also State that the parties holding the Ctfd Vr issued for the Mule train Augst 15" 1860 are Not Willing to take the Mules back at the prices I agreed to pay for them They say the train has been in the Dept. Since over a Year & that Mules are Not Worth So Much Now as they were at the time the purchase was Made. There are parties however holding "Equally as" just claims against the Dept. Who are willing to take Mules & aparigos in payment at the original purchase Money. I agree with yourself in thinking it best to Sell the train (providing it can be done without loss to the Treas. Dept.) [147] as it will Not only remove the risk of Winterig the Mules but also the Expense of haing them properly cared & provided for which would cost the Dept. Some $250.00 or More per Mo

I shall therefore place this construction upon your instructions in the premises. If the Mules can be Sold for the original purchase Money — Sell them & apply the proceeds of Such Sale in liquidating the outstanding liabilities as far as such proceeds will go.

This course I hope will Meet your approval

Respt. Your obt Servt

Jno Owen Ind agt. Flathead Nation W. T.

To B. F. Kendall Esqr Supt. In'd. affrs.

Olympia P. S. W. T.

P.S. The foregoing letter Was Written Supt. K. from the Jocko & Sent by parties then there En Route for Walla Walla a rough dft. of which I retained & Mislaid which accounts for its Not being recorded in its proper place —

J. Owen

OWEN TO TIPTON ACCEPTING HIS RESIGNATION FROM THE JOCKO AGENCY

[112] Office Flathead agency
Fort Owen Bitter Root Valley W. T.
Nov. 30" 1861

M. W. TIPTON Esqr
Dear Sir

Your resignation as Ind Dept farmer in Charge of Jocko Reservation I this day duly acknowledge.

I Exceedingly regret that your private & Domestic Interests Warrant you in this Step taken

Your Conduct for uprightness & Integrity while in Chge of your important position Meets My cordial approval & Entire approbation

Respt I remain &c
JNO OWEN Ind agt &c &c W. T.

OWEN TO THE NEW MAN IN CHARGE OF THE JOCKO RESERVATION WITH INSTRUCTIONS RESPECTING HIS DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

[113] Office Flathead Agency
Fort Owen Bitter Root Valley W. T.
Decr 1st 1861

A. P. FOX Esqr

I this day transmitted you your appointment as Ind Dept Farmer placing you in Charge of the Jocko Reservation. You Will imediately relieve Mr M. W. Tipton who has occupied that position for the past 18 Months. I have instructed Mr Tipton to turn over to You the public property in his charge.

You will Make a careful inventory of all Such property turned over for which I will hold you accountable. The Men in the Employ of the Ind. Dept. Now on the reservation are Expected to obey your orders implicitly

Your rations you will guard with the Strictest Economy particularly your groceries which are Now low in the Commissary & Several Months Must Necessarily Elapse before an additional Supply can be secured. You Will purchase No supplies on a/c of the reservation without first Making a requisition on this office.

The Employees of the Dept will Not be allowed to live in a State of Concubinage with Indian Women. Circulars to that Effect have been issued from head quarters. The Moral Effect of Such privileges would Seriously Militate against the objects of the Service.

Strangers from a distance passing your post you will treat hospitably. The forage Saved by Mr Tipton you will feed sparingly as you will require it for your Work animals in the Spring.

Indians passing & repassing treat humanily but Not familiarly.

Your Men Will Not be allowed to leave the reservation Except by your permission & then Not on Dept animals Except on Dept business.

[114] Should you have a favorable spell of Weather during the Winter you will have the Wheat & Oats thrashed out Sacked & put away

My impression is that you will find Sacks Sufficient for the purpose at the reservation

The Stock you will have driven up & Counted as often as you think Necessary.

Cattle Killed for your party for Beef you Will Keep a Strict account of

The tools at the Mill You will have Stamped with the Small ID brand greased & carefully put away. Mr. Smith the Sawyer will Keep a careful Eye upon the Mill & Mill buildings

Mr O. W. Barnes is Not Employed but you have My permission to issue him a ration. He Expressed to Me his Willingness to do any little things that Might be required of him during the Winter for his board. It would be well to have him Make you a fanning Mill for the purpose of cleaning your grain. During the long Winter Evening have the harness overhauled repaired greased & put away. Gambling will Not be allowed as bad results grow out of it

Have Nichols to resight Six of the [Yangers?] & put in good order for this fort.

Make a temporary Shelter for the Wagons to protect them as Much as possible from the Weather. You will carry out the foregoing instructions as Nearly to the letter as possible

Respt &c

Jno Owen Ind agt Flathead Nation W. T.

OWEN TO FATHER MENATRY PROTESTING AGAINST THE HIGH PRICES CHARGED BY THE MISSION FOR SUPPLIES FURNISHED

[112] Office Flathead Agency
Fort Owen Bitter Root Valley W. T.
Decr 6" 1861

Rev Father Menetry
Supr St. Ignatius Mission
Dear Sir

The prices chgd by the Mission for Articles furnished the Jocko Reservation are in My opinion So Exorbitantly high that I have to request that you will furnish Nothing More in future unless upon My Written order

I Remain My Dear Sir Resp your obt Sevt
Jno Owen Ind agt Flathead Nation W. T.

OWEN TO AN EMPLOYE FORBIDDING HIM TO KEEP AN INDIAN WOMAN WHILE IN THE SERVICE

[115] Office Flathead Agency
Fort Owen Bitter Root Valley W. T.
Decr 6" 1861

Wm. H. Roland Esqr
Dear Sir

You are hereby Notified that you can Not Keep an Indian Woman on the Jocko reservation & remain in the Indian Dept Service

Such are My instructions from head quarters Which I am bound to See Strictly carried out

Respt your obt Sevt
Jno Owen Ind agt &c &c W. T.

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OWEN TO THOMAS W. HARRIS EMPLOYING HIM IN THE INDIAN SERVICE

[127] Office Flathead Agency
Fort Owen Bitter Root Valley W. T.
April 1st 1862

Sir

You are hereby this day appointed one of the Ind Dept farm-

ers for the Flathead Nation under their treaty with the U. S. of July 1855. Your Compensation will be at the rate of one Thousand Dollars per annum & will be paid at this office out of the appropriations for the pay of treaty Employees when such funds are recd

Respt &c

Jno Owen, Ind agt Flathead Nation W. T.

To Thos W. Harris Esqr

Owen to Father Menetry Proffering a Reciprocity of work to the St. Ignatius Mission

[126] Office Flathead Agency
Fort Owen Bitter Root Valley W. T.
April 23rd 1862

Revd Father Menetry
Supr St. Ignatius Mission
Dr Sir

Inasmuch as the Indians did Not have their plows repaird at the Shop on the reservation While My own Bellows was there & a good Smith. I send Loui Mat for that Express purpose as the Smith I have is putting the plows in order for this Section. If the Work Loui can do for the Mission will compensate you for the use of the Mission Shop you will please let him have it. I have instructed him to repair the Mission plows or do any other Work while there that the Mission Wants done. It will also save the Indians the labor of packing their plows to the Jocko Shop. The Govt Bellows at Jocko are broken. If the Brother that Made the Mission Bellows could Make Me one I will pay him for it in any thing I have belonging to the Ind. Dept that you My require.

If the proposition is agreable & Loui finds it Necessary to use any of your Shop Material I Will return it in Kind from the Jocko

If the proposition fails it will only delay him from fixing the plows until such time as he can procure a Bellows

Respt &c

Jno Owen Ind agt

OWEN TO LIEUTENANT MULLAN ACCEPTING A PROPOSITION TO TAKE THE SURPLUS STORES OF THE MISSOURI RIVER EXPEDITION ON THE TERMS MULLAN PROPOSES

[127] Hell Gate W. T. May 20" 1862
LIEUT JNO MULLAN U. S. A.
Chief W. W. & Ft. B. M.R. Ex
Dr Sir

Your favor of Yesterday with proposition to turn over to the Ind Dept the ballance of Stores Now at Fort Benton appertaining to the M.[issouri] R.[iver] Ex. recd. The Articles Enumerated in your list are Such as are required for the Ind Service in this Agency & can not be laid down here upon More advantageous terms than your propose. You will please Send Me Invoices & receipts for same. I will receipt for the property subject to the approval of the Ind Dept at Washington. The tools & building Material you have at Cantoment Wright well be taken in the Same Way providing the tools are Not too Much deteriorated by use

Respt &c

JNO OWEN Ind Agt

A PROCLAMATION BY OWEN ADDRESSED TO A PARTY OF UNKNOWN WHITE MEN REGARDING A REPORT THAT ELEVEN INDIANS HAD BEEN TAKEN BY THEM

[128] Office Flathead Agency
Fort Owen Bitter Root Valley W. T.
July 17" 1862

To Whom it May Concern

A Kootenay Indian reached here on Yesterday with the Story of Eleven of his companions having been taken by a party of Whites on Salmon River for having taken a horse belonging to the Whites to Kill to Satisfy the cravings of hunger

The Entire truth of his Story I do Not vouch for. Parts of it May be true I therefore dispatch John Chatfield Esqr an Employee of the Ind Dept. to investigate the affair & See what steps are Necessary to be taken to relieve those that remain Now in custody. I do this as Much on the Score of humanity & justice as that of duty

The horse the Indian rode over here I take for granted belongs to Some one of the Salmon river party. It is too tired to Send back. I

have requested the Chief Victor to take it & place it in his own band until called for by the proper owner

Respt Your obt Sevt
JNO OWEN Ind agt Flathead Nation W. T.

To A Party of Whites
Said to be Campd on Salmon River

A WARNING BY OWEN TO AN UNKNOWN WHITE MAN ACCUSED BY CHIEF AMBROSE OF SELLING LIQUOR TO HIS TRIBE

[129] Office Flathead Agency
Fort Owen B. R. V. W. T.
July 17" 1862

Sir

Ambrose a chief of the Flathead tribe has filed complaints this Morning in this office of your Selling Liquor at Hells Gate to the Indians which came very Near resulting in a Serious difficulty This he Says occurd some few days ago

I hope there is some Mistake in the Matter as I should be very Sorry to Know that we have White Men in our Midst So Entirely lost to all feelings of integrity as to violate a principle of common humanity for the purpose of a Small pecuniary gain

If this Nefarious [practice] is continued with the Indians it May lead to Serious Consequences for Well do We Know that an Indian when under the influence of Liquor is No better than a cruel Savage

Respt your obt Servt
JNO OWEN Ind agt Flathead Nation W. T.

To Some Person at Hell Gate Whose
Name is Not Known to the agt

OWEN TO KENDALL STATING THAT FAILURE OF OVERDUE APPROPRIATIONS TO ARRIVE HAS SO EMBARRASSED HIM THAT HE WISHES TO RESIGN AT THE EARLIEST POSSIBLE MOMENT

[130] Office Flathead Agency
Fort Owen B. R. V. W. T.
July 17" 1862

Sir

The Flathead Agency is so Much Embarrassed for want of

the appropriations Made for its support during the 1st & 2nd Sessions of 36″ Congress that I wish to be relieved from its charge at your Earliest convenience. I shall leave here in a few days for your office when I hope to see you in person.

Respt your obt Sevt
JNO OWEN Ind agt Chge Flathead Nation W. T.

B. F. KENDALL Esqr Supt Ind affairs W. T.

SUPERINTENDENT HALE TO OWEN DIRECTING HIM TO TRANSFER ALL PAPERS AND PROPERTY TO THE NEW AGENT

[141] Office Supt Ind Affairs
Olympia W. T. July 26″ 1862

Sir

You are hereby directed to turn over to Chas Hutchins Esq Ind agt. all property Effects books papers & Monies of the U. S. belonging to or appertaining to the Flathead Agency who is instructed to receipt to you in quadruplicate — As your official character as an agent now ceases you are directed to lose No time in Making out your accounts & returns in full for the previous yrs Ending with the time of your transfer to Agent Hutchins

Rest &c
"Signd" C. H. HALE[18] Supt &c

Maj JNO OWEN Ind agt Fort Owen W. T.

AN UNOFFICIAL LETTER BY OWEN TO KENDALL, WHO HAD ALSO BEEN SUPERSEDED, IN WHICH OWEN EXPRESSES PLEASURE AT HIS RELEASE FROM SIX YEARS OF SERVICE AND AGAIN SAYS HE HAS SCRUPULOUSLY KEPT WITHIN HIS APPROPRIATIONS

[130] Portland Oregon
Augst 16″ 1862

B. F. KENDALL Esqr
Sir

On My arrival in the Settlements I learn with surprise & re-

[18] Calvin H. Hale was a prominent politician. Bancroft, *Washington*, pp. 53, 73, 215.

gret that you have been superseded as Supt of Ind affairs by Mr Hale

If therefore I cannot have the pleasure of Communicating with [you] officially I suppose I have the privilege of addressing you as a private individual unincumbered with official cares the Same as I hope to be just as Soon as I get back to My agency for I learn that My request to be relieved has been considered & that My sucessor has been appointed & is now on his way to the Flathead Agency. This was indeed Welcome News to Me for I tell you candidly I would Not go through the Same ordeal again & discharge the Same duties that I have done in the Ind Service during the past Six year under the same [131] circumstances for double the Salary.

As you are aware My agency is considerably in debt & yet it ought Not to be for in the liabilities which I have been compelld to contract I have not Exceeded the appropriations actually Made by Congress applicable to My Agency but have been governed by & have Kept Strictly within the Same. One of the objects of My Visit was to obtain funds to liquidate at least a portion of the liabilities I have been compelld to contract in order to carry on the Current business of My agency. I should like above all things to be able to pay off at least a few of the Men who have performed such faithful Service to the Government as have furnished it supplies in good faith & who are now in great Need of their Money.

I learn unofficially that Supt. Hale has no funds as Yet in his hands & as I am compelld to return immediately to the Bitter Root country I cannot wait here until he receives any.

Will you Not after Settling your account have some funds on hand which can be applied to the Flathead Agency? If So My receipt will be as good to you for them as that of Supt. Hale & I am willing to date Such receipt to suit your accounts.

Please drop Me a line by return Mail

Respt & Truly Your &c

Jno Owen Ind agt Flathead Nation W. T.

Owen to Hale Stating He has received no Salary for Fourteen months and very little of the Flathead appropriations for the previous three years

[132] Portland Oregon
August 16" 1862

Sir

I arrived here a few days ago on My way to your office for the

purpose of asking that you assign some agent to take charge of My agency & relieve Me from duty without further delay

Since My arrival here it is with pleasure that I learn that you have assigned an agent to relieve Me who is Now on his way to the Flathead Agency. Another object of My Visit was to obtain funds to liquidate at least a portion of the indebtedness of My agency. Not haing received any funds from the appropriations for the Service of the Year Endng June 30" 1862 & very little of that for the two previous years I have been compelld to contract a considerable amount of liabilities in order to carry on the current business of My agency. In doing this however I have Not Exceeded the appropriations applicable to My Agency but have been governed by & Kept Strictly With [in] the Same

I should be pleased above all things to be able to pay off at least a few of the Men who have rendered such faithful service to the Government or have furnished it supplies in good faith who have been Kept out of their Money for a long time & who are Now in great Need of it.

I have received No Salary as Agent for the last 14 Months & My travelling Expenses last Year as well as those on my present trip have been defrayed out of My own pocket

If therefore you have any funds in your hands applicable to My Agency I have to request that You will Notify Me of the fact & I will repair at once to Olympia to receive & receipt for the Same. Having already Exhausted My own private Means in order to carry on the business of My agency I cannot afford to incur the additional Expense of a trip to Olympia if you have No funds for Me

Respt your &c

JNO OWEN Ind agt Flathead Nation W. T.

C. H. HALE Esq Supt Ind affairs W. T.
Olympia P. S. W. T.

HALE TO OWEN STATING HE HAS NO MONEY ON HAND, AND THAT THE OFFICE HAS NO RECORDS OF OWEN'S AGENCY AFFAIRS LATER THAN JUNE 30, 1860

[141] Office Supt &c Augst 21" 1862

Sir

Yours of the 16" inst is just recd. In reply would say that Chas Hutchins Esqr has been directed to relieve you & I regret he

had Not reached the Flathead Agency before you left. I have Not as Yet recd any Money from Washington & None were turned over to Me by Mr Kendall. I have to inform you that there are No returns from your Agency in this office for the last two fiscal years. The last returns are up to June 30" 1860. In order to adjust your accounts it will be absolutely requisite that your returns in full should be Made out & transmitted to this office without delay

"Signed" C H. Hale Supt &c

Mj Jno Owen &c

Owen to Hale Explaining that He has made himself Personally Responsible for liabilities Contracted in the Government's behalf, that the Indian Service Credit is at a very low ebb, and that he needs his salary for the past Sixteen months

[138] Portland Oregon
Augst 29" 1862

Sir

Yours 23rd inst in reply to one from Me regarding funds due the Flathead Agency recd

In reply I will state I very much regret to find Myself in My present Embarrassing condition for the want of Means to liquidate public a/cs that I have Made Myself personally responsible for. My a/cs were rendered to Supt. Geary up to 16" May 1861 which were approved & forwarded by him to the Bureau in Washington City.

The condition of things at the Flathead Agency is this. In order to Secure the Services of Men to take care of the Govt property & harvest the crop I had to pledge the crop as far as was Necessary for the payment of their accounts

My advice to Mr Hutchins who is Now here is to Wait for funds before he leaves for the Flathead Agency as the Indian Department Credit is at a very low point.

The appropriations are ample but for Some cause are Not Sent forward. My a/cs have always been rendered periodically owing to My remoteness from the Supts office. They were Never rend quarterly. After turnig over to Mr. Chs Hutchins I will Send you My final a/cs as agt in Charge Flathead Nation which I hope May pass Examination & be forwd to Dept in W. C. If you have funds ap-

plicable to pay of agents Salary I will be grateful to have you fowd by Mr Hutchins sufficient to Meet My Salary which will be due for 16 Months. The amt. would relieve My present Wants.

Respt &c

Jno Owen Ind agt Flathead Nation W.T.

To C. H. Hale Esq Supt Ind affairs W. T. &c &c

Owen to Hale on the eve of his return to Fort Owen, asking what encouraging message he may take back to his long unpaid employes in the Service

[134] Office O. S. N. Co
Portland Oregon Sept 6" 1862

Sir

As I intend leaving this Evening for the Flathead Agency to Await the Arrival of My Sucessor Mr. Chs Hutchins I wish to Know What Encouraging Message I can take back to the Ind Dept Employees now on the Jocko Reservation whose accounts for Services have been for a long time unpaid

You have been advised by Me that in order to Secure the Services of Men to remain & take charge of the Government property that I had to pledge the Crop on the Jocko Reservation in payment of their a/cs So far as Was Necessary

I hope it will be in your power to relieve Me of My present Embarrassment by Sending back by Me Some favorable word regarding funds that will induce the Employees to relieve Me of My present pledge which was Made in good faith and for the good of the Service

Please reply to this at your Earliest convenience

Respt your Obt Sevt &c

Jno Owen Ind agt Charge Flathead Nation W. T.

To C. H. Hale Esqr Supt Ind affairs W. T.
Portland Oregon

Hale to Owen assuring him that funds are daily expected from Washington, and that the money to pay Owen's Assistants for their faithful work will be sent

[141] Vancouver W. T. Sept. 7" 1862

Sir

It gives Me pleasure to say in answer to your favor of yester-

day that so Soon as funds arrive from Washington applicable which are daily Expected that Money will be forwd to the Flathead Nation to pay the Employees for their faithful service. You will therefore in setling up your accounts issue to them Certified Vouchers for what Salary May be due them & transmit abstract of liabilities as Early as possible

"Signed" C. H. HALE &c

MAJ JNO OWEN Flathead Nation W. T.

OWEN TO HIS SUCCESSOR ASSURING HIM OF THE HOSPITALITY OF FORT OWEN

[135] Fort Benton D. T.
Oct 27" 1862

Sir

By the Expressman who reached here this Evening I learn you were Encampd on the Bitter Root River

I hope you have Moved up Ere this to Fort Owen where you will be Made Welcome & Comfortable by Mr Harris who is in charge until My return. I regretd the Necessity of My being obliged to leave the Agency before your arrival but the Season was growing late & it was Necessary for Me to lose No time in Making the trip over the Mts and back

Respt your &c
JNO OWEN Ind agt In charge Flathead Nation W. T.

To Mr CHS HUTCHINS Ind agt W. T.
En Route for Flathead Agency
P. S. I leave here in the Morning for Bitter Root Valley

OWEN TO TIPTON DIRECTING HIM TO REMAIN IN CHARGE OF THE JOCKO RESERVATION UNTIL RELIEVED BY OWEN IN PERSON

[135] Fort Benton D. T. Oct 27" 1862

Sir

I learn from Mr Hazzard the Expressman who reached here to day that Ind Agt. Hutchins Was Encamped on the Bitter Root River above the crossing En Route for Flathead Agency. I have written Mr Hutchins to proceed to Fort Owen & await My arrival. Mr

Harris who is in chge has been directed to Extend to him the hospitalities of the Fort until My return.

You are Still in chge Jocko Reservation & I Expect you to remain So until relieved by Myself in person. Should Mr. Hutchins prefer Visiting & remaining at the Jocko until My return from this place you will turn over to him the Small house Erected this summer for his own use. Of course he has his own provisions for himself & party as he was informed by Me before leaving Portland in Sept last that there were No Ind Dept Stores at the agency or Reservation. I shall leave to Morrow for home

Yours &c

JNO OWEN Ind agt

M W TIPTON Ind Dept Farmer &c

OWEN TO HUTCHINS, HIS SUCCESSOR, ANNOUNCING HIS RETURN FROM FORT BENTON AND IMPENDING ARRIVAL AT FORT OWEN

[136] Hells Gate W. T.
Novr 21st 1863 [1862]

CHAS HUTCHINS Esqr
Ind Agent W. T.
Sir

I have just returned from Fort Benton & Will leave for the Flathead Agency which is at Fort Owen Bitter Root Valley immediately, at which place I shall be happy to See you on Official Business relating to the transfer of the Flathead Agency and property to you, as my Successor

Respectfly your obt Sevt
"Signed" JOHN OWEN Ind Agt Flathead Nation W. T.

OWEN TO HALE ANNOUNCING HE HAS TURNED OVER THE AGENCY TO HUTCHINS

[136] Jocko Reservation W T
Decr 1st 1862

Sir

I have this day turned over to Mr Chas Hutchins My Successor the property appertaining to the Flathead Agency consisting, of Farm, Crop, Building, Shops, Saw Mill, Tools &c My official garb which I have worn without intermission for the past Six years I

lay down without regret, I shall on returning home make up my final a/cs to the 1st this Month & transmit them to your office if a Safe opportunity offers, if not I will retain them & bring them down in person Next Spring

Respectfly your obt Svt
JOHN OWEN Ind Agent In charge Flthead Agency W. T.

To CALVIN H HALE Esqr Supt Ind affairs W. T.

EXTRACT FROM A LETTER OF HUTCHINS TO HALE, DATED DECEMBER 2, 1862, INFORMING HIM THAT OWEN HAD DULY TRANSFERRED THE FLATHEAD AGENCY TO THE WRITER *

On the 25th October I had the honor to write to you, informing your office of my arrival at this Agency. * * * * * * * In the same letter I mentioned that Maj. Owen was absent from his office to Fort Benton. Being informed of his return on the 21st Nov. I repaired to his office at Fort Owen, 50 miles distant from this place, and stated to him that I was ready to execute to him the requisite receipts for the Indian Dept. property belonging to the Flathead Agency. Most of the property to be transferred being at this place, it involved further delay for him to come here, so the papers of transfer were not executed till yesterday, Dec. 1st. From the date of my arrival here, however, I have been administering the affairs of the Agency, though the property yet was in charge of my predecessor. * * *

1863

OWEN'S CONTRACT FOR THE ERECTION OF THE FIRST COMMERCIAL GRIST MILL OF THE REGION

[137] "Mill Contract"

Article of Agreement made & Entered into this 17" day of Jany 1863 between Jno Owen of Fort Owen Washington Territory of the one part & Geo W Windes of the Bitter Root Vally & Territory aforesaid of the other part

First The Said G.W. Windes for the Consideration hereinafter mentioned, doth Covenant, promise, & agree, to erect in the most workman like & Substantial manner a Grist Mill of the following dimensions

Viz! Mill frame 22 by 32 feet. Three Stories high, each Story built in Seperate Sections Enclosed with Siding & covered with 16in Shingles

2d To build a 14 foot overshot wheel & Counter wheels sufficient to drive two run of three foot Burrs.

3rd To build a Suction fan & Smut Machine

4th To build a bolting chest with Bolt Sufficient for two run of Burrs with Elevators & Conductors necessiary to carry the Wheat & flour to & from the Bolt & Burrs.

5th To build granaries Sufficient for holding the Wheat & Bran

6th To build all the flume necessisary for conducting what water may be required to drive the aforesaid machinery.

In consideration whereof the said Jno Owen does agree to pay the Said G W Windes the Sum of Fifteen Hundred Dollars and to furnish all the material on the ground Such as Timbers Irons, Nails, Shingles, Bolting Cloth &c, that may be required for the aforesaid mill, Save & Except the Shafts. Counter Shafts Coggs & trundle head timbers, which the aforesaid G. W. Windes, agrees to get from the Stump in person.

The aforesaid G W Winds, binds himself to be as expeditious in carrying on the work as possible loosing no unnesessisary time, with a view to having the Mill ready to run by the first day of September Next providing that the aforesaid Jno Owen complies with his part of the agreement in furnishing the Material from time to time as it may be Wanted. The aforesaid Jno Owen further agrees to board the aforesaid G W Windes during the time he is at work on the Mill

In testimony whereof we have hereunto Set our hands and Seals the day & year first above written

Witness — Jno Owen

(Signed)

C. E. Irvine — G W Windes

Thos W Harris

Owen to Congressman Richardson in praise of Richardson's speech of December 8, 1862

[138] Fort Owen Bitter Root Valley W. T.
Feby 25" 1863

Hon W. A. Richardson M. C.

Dear Sir

Your Ever to be remembered speech delivd before the H. R.s

while in Committee of the whole on the Ever to be remembd 8" day of Decr last fell upon us in these fastnesses of the Rky Mts like an Electric shock from Some unseen Battery. It has brightend our hopes for the Unions Safety & revived our almost lost & despondent spirits for the Nations Walfare

France during the reign of Terror which deluged the Street of her thrving & populous Cities With Blood had her Tullius [?]

Illinois the great agricultural State of this once prosperous & happy Republic has given us in your Noble person a proud, bold, & darig, Champion of the peoples Constitutional rights

I have read your speech with Much interest & caused it to be read & heralded through this Mt Section in tones that animated the despondency of all within My reach. If the 4" day of March 1861 was the birth day of Terror & Blood the Ever to be rembd 8" day of Decr 1862 was the birth day of a New Era pregnent with hope for the peaceful & honorable adjustment of our National duel.

Your name shall be Written indellibly on the hearts of all true Union loving Men in letters of Blood. Your mathematical analysis of the Prest Message is Ammusing. A State paper Truly

Mr Lincoln['s] parricide Conduct in Employing the Means confided to him as the Chief Majestrate of this once prosperous & happy Union — Which has nearly resulted in its overthrow — is a dark Spot on his once bright Esctcheon. Lovejoy Fessenden Greeley & a host of others are to him what Marat Danton & Just were to Robespiere [139]

Through your bold & undaunted course a ray of hope Now dawns upon our National horizon

A Bright future I hope is in Store for us I am happy to See your defense of the Brave & Gallant McClelland. Not one Word of Sympathy Expressed in the Prest. Message of twenty pages for the Widows & desolate families of the Gallant heroes who immolated their lives on the altar of their bleedig Country. To [is] the Submision of the Southern States the sine Qua non of the party in power! It Certainly does appear so. Mr Ls oath taken in the presence of Almighty God & the August assembly convened for the occassion is "registered in Heaven"

What a dark political resurrection awaits him & his Constitutional advisers. The history of this unhappy Crusade is yet to be Written in letters of Blood. The people of this remote & Mt. Locked Section Country are devoted to the Union. There is No Sacrifice they would Not Make for its peaceful restoration. But Mr Ls policy is Not the

one We advocate. The brave McClelland Must be Superseded for the Simple reason that the Emancipation act was two bitter a pill for his Constitutional pallate. Mr. Fessenden swallows it with considerable gusto by Making his Motion in the H. R. for its Endorsement as a War Measure The Gallant Mc. C. did Not take Richmond the Rebel Capital

The reasons why are Now Made plain through your Vindication of his conduct & the Exposure of that of the adm. towards him

You Must Excuse the presumption of a Man Writing you that has Not the honor of your acquaintance

My only apology is the feelings of Enthusiasm with which your Speech inspired that Knew No bounds. They Needed a reaction & the Channel I adopted is the one through which I tender you the grateful acknowledgements of all in these parts that are Now acquainted with the bold & Noble Effort you have Made for the Salvation of the Union

Respt your obt Servt &c

JNO OWEN

[Owen was a Democrat in politics.]

OWEN TO THE OREGON STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY IN HIS CAPACITY AS ROCKY MOUNTAIN AGENT FOR THAT ENTERPRISE

[140] Office Rky Mt. Contracting [?] Agency
Oregon Steam Navigation Co.[19]
Fort Owen Bitter Root Vally W. T.
Mar 10" 1863

Sir

Your communication 29" Decr last this day recd I have the honor to acknowledge

I take infinite pleasure in tendering the O. S. N. Co My hearty & Most Sincere congratulation upon its reorganisation under the incorporation law of the State of Oregon. Your reelection to the chair which you have Sustained with So Much dignity is only due to your inestimable worth & valuable administrative & Executive abilities

[19] The Oregon Steam Navigation Company was started in 1860 and reorganized in 1862. It early succeeded in getting much of the transportation of goods to and from the country back of the Columbia. Its profits were enormous. In 1871 the Northern Pacific Railroad secured control of the corporation. P. W. Gillette, *History of the Oregon Steam Navigation Company* in *Oregon Historical Quarterly*, v. V, p. 120. Irene Lincoln Poppleton, *Oregon's First Monopoly*, in *Ibid.*, v. IX, p. 273.

All of which as the result conclusively proves have been fully appreciated by the Co. over whose Multifarious interests you are called upon to preside. The contracting agent of the Bitter Root Makes his Most humble acknowledgements for the implied confidence the Co seem to repose in his Management of their affairs by continuing him in his position as Contracting Agent

The O. S. N. Co. will please not lose sight of the labors to be performed & the difficulties to be overcome by the Contg agt growing out of the Extent of the Stupenduous Mt Portage Made between the two Oceans. Consequently a liberal but Not by No Means Extravagant Estimate of Stores required by the Contg agt. accompanies this. These supplies the Contg agt certifies on honor are absolutely Necessary for the promotion of the Cos Mt. interest. That interest which he cherishes & holds Most Sacred. The Estimate the Contg agt. flatters himself will Meet with the approbation of the board of Management for the interist [?] at its Earliest Sitting

I have the honor &c

JNO OWEN Contg agt O. S. N. C.

To Capt I. C. AMINULT [?] Prest. O. S. N. Co Portland Ogn

BROOKS TO OWEN STATING THAT OWEN'S ACCOUNTS ARE JUST AND STRICTLY CORRECT AND THAT HE CAN DO NO MORE

[150] "Copy"

Auburn Oregon June 13" 1863

My Dear Major

Enclosed herewith is Mr. Bacons Voucher duly Signed. Did You get the letter I wrote you before Starting up here which I left With My Wife for You

I have Money to Send to pay My note. You are aware that Wells Fargo & Co Express have drawn off this route & the other Expresses we have are irregular impossible one horse affairs. I will forwd the Money by the first Safe opportunty

I am Extremely Sorry that it was Not My pleasant task to Make up Your final accounts as late Ind. Agent One word in regard to that Subject. Your accounts are correct & just & I have No doubt will pass the Treas. Dept. The only objection that can be urged against them is in reference to Your Sale of Property which is Merely an administrative objection. The parvenus at present clothed with a little brief authority in the Ind. Dept. will probably be slow to comprehend the distinction between an administrative & a Strictly

financial objection & you May have difficulty in beating it into their heads. For instance if an agent uses Money appropriated for a Specific purpose & applies it to another purpose his account is objectionable & he May be removed from office for it. Still the objection is Merely an administrative one & if the agent honestly & fairly accounts for all Money coming into his hands the Treasury Dept. will pass his account. So it is in regard to you. The regular Method of Selling Ind. Dept. property is first to obtain authority to sell from the Com. Ind. affrs & a Sale without such authority is objectionable & the agt. May be remvd for it. Still the objection to the transaction is Merely an administrative one & the Agt. having honestly accounted for all the Money & property coming into his hands his [account] Must pass. So far as you are concerned you dont care a D n ("vulgarly [————————?] Supt. Hale approves of your sale of Ind. Dept. property or Not [a few words gone from this and several following lines] mstances under which you were compelld to do so afford . . . . . [jus]tification. Moreover the Most of those Sales were authorized . . . . . you have rendered a just & strictly correct . . . . . y & property received by you & haing done [151] that you can do No More.

All that is required in your case is Equal & Exact justice Without favoritism or partiality.

Hoping that you May Experience Neither difficulty Nor delay in the final & favorable adjustment of your accounts & with best wishes for your good health & prosperity trusting that your path through life May be a Smooth one winding through pleasant green valleys watered with Cool Springs of purest Water & beautified with Most fragrant roses without any thorns I am as Ever

Your Sincere friend

QUINCY A. BROOKS

P. S. If you See Senator Nesmith please remember Me Kindly to him. He has been a good friend to Me.

SAXA TO OWEN REGARDING HIS UNSETTLED CLAIM OF 1855 AGAINST THE BLACKFEET

[145] Fort Owen Idaho Territory
Sept 28″ 1863

MAJOR JNO OWEN
Dear Sir

As You are going East I wish You would take My claim

against the Blackfoot Nation for the horses Stolen from Me after the Council at the Judith in 1855. Please try & have the Ind Dept. to Settle it in Some way as I am very Much in Need of the Money. I intend this also as a power of atty. for you to sign My Name to any receipt or papers the Dept. May require in adjusting the claim. I could have realized Much More Money for My Animals than I have charged in the account & then I have been a long time Kept out of the use of the Money. Dr. Lansdale while he was agent here told Me that if he could See the Blackfoot agt. he could get the Money for Me

"Signed" Respt Yours &c

Witness C. E. Irvine
T. W. Harriss

his
Francis X Saxa
mark

Owen's Record of Some of his Most important Papers dated between 1850 and 1863, numerous of which are herein reproduced

[148] Mem. list of letters & official Papers taken East By Jno Owen Fall 1863

"Copies"	"To be Found"		"Dates"
On Page	122	From Supt. E. R. Geary to Com. Greenwood	Decr. 22nd/59
" "	116	" " " " " " Sub agt. Owen	May 23rd/60
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" "	92	" " Dole " " "	May 27"/61
" "	142	" Supt. B. F. Kendall " Agent Owen	Oct. 3rd/61
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" "	142	" " " " " " " "	" 20"/61
" "	143	" " " " " " " "	" 24"/61
" "	99	" Agt. Owen " Supt. Kendall	Sept. 12"/61
" "	146	" " " " " " "	Nov. 20"/61
" "	130	" " " " " " "	July 17"/62
" "	107	" " " Annual Report " "	Sept. 12"/61
" "	141	" Supt. C. H. Hale " Agt. Owen	July 26"/62
" "	141	" " " " " " " "	Augst. 21st/62
" "	141	" " " " " " " "	Sept. 7"/62

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" "	133	" " "	" " " " "	" 29"/62
" "	134	" " "	" " " " "	Sept. 6"/62
" "	143	Bill Sale St. Mary's Mission Claim		Nov. 5" 1850
On letter file	1861	From Major E. Stein U.S.A.	to Agt. Owen	Jany 10" 1861
62	From	P. C. Jr. & Co.	To Sub. agt. Owen	Sept. 20" 1860
	"	Q. A. Brooks	" Maj. Jno Owen	June 13" 1863
		A. J. Vaughan Ind Agt	" Sub agt Owen	July 7" 1860
		"	Do	Augst. 20" 1860
		A. M. Robertson	" Agt. Vaughan	May 9" 1860
		Owen	Do	Sept. 1" 1860

[NOTE. The "Copies to be Found," and page numbers, refer to the position of these documents in the Letter Book. Owen undoubtedly took the volume with him to Washington to be fortified with proofs in case his official acts were challenged by the Treasury or Interior Departments.]

THE DOCUMENT BY WHICH OWEN PLACED HIS PROPERTY AND AFFAIRS IN THE HANDS OF THOMAS W. HARRIS DURING HIS LONG ABSENCE IN THE EAST

[152] To whom it may concern be it Known that I do this day in anticipation of My departure for Washington City D. C. duly appoint Thomas W. Harris My legally authorized agent for the time I am absent from Idaho Territory

Thos. W. Harris is fully authorized to receive & receipt for any Money due Me and likewise to pay any Monies I May owe & take recipts for the Same

He is further authorized to rent My farm & any houses thereon upon the best terms possible which shall be as binding on Me as though leased or rented by Myself.

He is also authorized to sell any of My personal property that May be Necessary to raise funds for the completion of the New Grist Mill Now in course of Construction or for the payment of any just claims that May be outstanding against Me

JNO OWEN

Witness C. E. IRVINE

Fort Owen Idaho Territory Oct. 1st 1863

From & after the 12th day of February 1865 the date of My return the above power of attorney Ceases to Exist

JNO OWEN

Fort Owen Montana Territory Feby 12" 1865

TERMS OF THE AGREEMENT BETWEEN OWEN AND HARRIS

[153] Thomas W. Harris does this day agree to act as My general agent during My absence from Fort Owen Bitter Root Valley Idaho Territory and in consideration of Such Service to be rendered I have turned over to him My Grist & Saw Mill Blacksmith & Carpenters tools & flock of Sheep & Band of Mares on the following terms to Wit.

The profit's arrising from the Grist Mill to be his in consideration of his provisioning My family during My absence.

The profit arrising from the Saw Mill also his in consideration of his cutting Bill of Lumber required for the New grist Mill. A Memorandum of Said bill of Lumber will be found Entered on Blotter page "122." The Mills to be put & Kept in order without Expense to Me whatever

The flock of sheep he has until shearing time 1865 When the proceeds of the Same are to be equally divided between us.

The band of Mares are to be bred to his Stud horse Ben & the one half of all the colts so Sired to be his. To be divided between us at weang time fall 1865.

In fact all the incidental Expenses of Fort Owen So far as Jno Owen is concerned Cease from this day until his return. I leave over 100 Bu. Wheat & an undivided portion of this Years Crop 1500 - lbs - flour some $2500.00 Worth of property in Store rooms & about $2000.00 in outstanding debts all of which Thos W. Harris is fully authorized to use in any way that May be Necessary for My use & benefit. The use of all the above Mentioned Property Thos. W. Harris has for One Year from the date hereof & longer should I not return or Make Some other disposition of during My absence

THOS. W. HARRIS
JNO OWEN

Witness
C. E. IRVINE
Fort Owen Idaho Ter. Nov. 2nd 1863.

Internal Revenue Stamp | 10¢

The Erasure through the 1500 lbs of flour was Made without My Knowledge.

J. OWEN

1865

OWEN'S GENEOLOGICAL "REGISTER," RECORDING THAT OWEN, IRVINE AND HARRIS HAD FORMALLY ACKNOWLEDGED THEIR INDIAN SQUAWS AS THEIR LAWFUL WIVES. ALSO RECORDING THE EARLIEST BIRTHS AND DEATHS CONNECTED WITH THE WHITE SETTLEMENT OF THE REGION.**

REGISTER

Date of Record	Names	Date of Marriage	Date of Births	Date of Death	Remarks
July 8, 1858	Jno Owen & Nancy Jany. 8/58				Witnessed by H.M. Chase & T.W.Belt
" " "	T.W. Harris & Lizzette Ranier	" " "			Witnessed by H.M. Chase & T.W.Belt
" " "	C.E Irvine & Isable	" " "			Do Do Do Do
" 11/58	Thomas I Harris		Mar. 8/52		Son of L W Harris
" Do	Robt H. Irvine		July 7/54		" of C.E & Isabel Irvin
" Do	John O. Irvine		Oct. 13/56		Son of C. E. & Isabel Irvin
Do	Lucinda Harris		Feby. 7/57		Daughter of T.W. & Lizzette Harris
Feby. 21/58	Helen Owen Chase		Feby 21/58		Daughter of H. M. & Margaret Chase
Feby. 24/59	Sarah Grimizaw, "½ Breed Snake"		June 4/57		Left with my old wife after the death of the mother
Oct. 23/59	Isabel Irvine			Oct. 20/59	
Nov. 3/59	Margaret Wiley Chase		Dec. 3/59		Daughter of H.M. & M. Chase
Dec. 3/59	Margaret Wiley Chase			Dec. 3/59	
Jany. 23/61	Frank B. Harris		Jan. 23/61		Died day of birth
	Lyle A. Blake		12th June		Died Day of birth
	Thos Abel Adams		Oct. 20/55		
	H. M. Cone & E. L. Johnson		1 Jany. 1863		
(1862)	Loretta Dobbins		Decr. 19/62		Daughter of G.W. & Louisa Dobbins
	Dobbins				Son of G. W. & Louisa Dobbins
(1865)	Harris		April 4 1865		Son of Thos. W. & Eliz. Harris

OWEN TO THE INDIAN BUREAU DESIRING THAT ONE OF HIS EMPLOYES IN THE INDIAN SERVICE, FIVE YEARS BEFORE, BE PAID

[154] Fort Owen Bitter Root Valley
Montana Territory
April 10" 1865

CHARLES E. MIX Esqr Chief Clerk Ind. Bureau
Washington City D. C
Dear Sir

Will you have the Kindness to have Made out for Me a list of the Certified Vrs Issued by Me as Sub. Ind & Ind Agt. Paid by the Dept. in W. C. & forward to My address as I wish to cancel them on My Books

I fear I omitted to leave on the list of the outstanding liabilities of the Flathead agency the Amt. due D. S. Calkins Millwright. By refering to My Statement of Employees You will See that he was paid up to Decr 1st 1860 & that there is still due him for Services in constructing Dam & building Mill upon the Jocko reservation from Decr. 1st 1860 to July 1st 1861 Making 7 Mos @ $150.00 pr Month which amts to $1050.00 justly due him from the United States Treasury

Respt your obt Servt

JNO OWEN

OWEN TO W. B. HIGGINS PAYING TOLL CHARGES ON A LONG ESTABLISHED ROAD AND EXPRESSING HIS HOSTILITY TO THE COLLECTION OF SUCH FEES

[154] Fort Owen Bitter Root Valley
Montana Territory
April 23rd 1865

WM B. S. HIGGINS & Co
Sir

I send you by Mr G. M. Winds Nine Dollars & fifty cents ($9.50) in Gold Dust to pay Mr Fry's Bill of Toll for passing over your road — I trust that when I or any party travelling under My direction May have occassion to use the road that they Will be

fortified with the Means of removing the obstructions placed upon a National Thoroughfare by Legislative Enactment[20]

Respt &c

Jno Owen

TEXT OF AN INSTRUMENT, PERHAPS NEVER PUT INTO EFFECT, WHEREBY OWEN LEASED HIS SAW MILL FOR TWO YEARS

[163] Memorandum of an agreement Entered into by and between John Owen party of the first part and Thomas B. Rollins party of the Second part both of Bitter Root Valley County of Missoula & Territory of Montana.

Witnesseth That the Said Jno Owen does hereby rent or lease unto the aforesaid Thos. B. Rollins for the term of two Years from the date of this agreement a certain Saw Mill Situated in the Bitter Root Valley County of Missoula & Territory of Montana under the following conditions. "To Wit." "When the Water is Not required to run the Grist Mill." The Said Thos. B. Rollins hereby agrees and obligates himself by these presents to take charge of & run Said Saw Mill at any period during the term of this lease when it is possible Said Saw Mill can be Worked or used for the benefit of the above Mentioned parties for the following considerations.

"To Wit." One fourth (¼") of all the lumber Sawed in Said Saw Mill to accrue to the Sole use & benefit of Said Jno Owen free of Charge or Expense Except what shall be used in the building or Erecting of a Certain fence hereinafter Mentioned. The Said Thos. B. Rollins to be at all Expense Necessary in running Said Saw Mill & at the Close of this lease to return Said Saw Mill in good order & Condition (Natural Wear & tear alone Excepted) unto Said Jno Owen his heirs or assigns.

"Also" Said Thos. B. Rollins is to Erect or build for the Said Jno

[20] The first legislative assembly of Montana Territory passed an act approved January 9, 1865, incorporating the Hell Gate and Deer Lodge Wagon Road Company. Christy P. Higgins, W. B. S. Higgins, and John F. Higgins, constituted the company. Section V of the act authorized the company to build a wagon road from Deer Lodge through Hell Gate Canyon "and to have the exclusive right of way, for one mile on either side of said road." As the valley was narrow the road thus became the only possible route along the valley. The road from Deer Lodge through Hell Gate had been long traveled and was now given to the new company. Article VII of the act authorized the collection of tolls amounting to two dollars for each two-horse wagon passing over it. There were many other such monopolies granted by the first legislative assembly. Montana, First Legislative Assembly, *Acts, Resolutions, and Memorials* (Virginia City, 1866), pp. 561-563.

Owen a plank fence Six Miles ("More or less") long for the Sum & Consideration of two Dollars ($2.00) pr rood in a good & workman like Manner. Said Jno Owen furnishing the Necessary Nails required to build a four plank fence — or board fence — The posts of which are to be Sawed out of Tamarack pine timber five (5) inches square. The plank or boards to be Six (6) inches Wide and one (1) inch thick. Said posts to be Set firmly in the ground Not less than Eighteen (18) inches & Not farther apart than Eight feet & three inches (8 feet & 3 in) from [164] Center to Center. The height from the upper Edge of the upper plank or board to be four feet & four inches (4 ft. 4 in) The aforesaid plank or boards to be of a length Not Exceeding Sixteen & one half feet (16 ½ ft) Nor less than Sixteen (16) feet and the joints to be broken on Each alternate post.

The Said Thos. B. Rollins to be at the Expense of all hauling & other Work in the building of the above Mentioned fence. Is to receive from Said Jno Owen in one Year from the date of this agreement one half (½) of the whole sum due him (Thos. B. Rollins) provided Said Thos B. Rollins had built one half (½) or More of the aforesaid fence. Any portion less than one half (½) to be paid for as is heretofore agreed — at the rate of Two ($2.00) dollars pr Rood

To the Within agreement we put our hands this first day of October Eighteen hundred & Sixty five (1865) at Fort Owen Bitter Root Valley and Territory of Montana in prence of.

[No signatures are appended.]

Terms of an instrument, perhaps never executed, suggesting Owen's ownership of or claim to Forty Acres of Land in the City of Portland

[155] Fort Owen Bitter Root Valley
Montana Territory
December 12th 1865

Know all men by these Presents that John Owen of Bitter Root Valley Montana Territory have made constituted and appointed and by these Presents do make constitute and appoint E. Hamilton of the City of Portland, Oregon, my true and lawful attorney for me and in my name place and stead, to enter into and take possession of certain real estate situated lyeing and being in said City of Portland bounded and described as follows, to wit: That certain tract of land belonging to me situated in said Portland being parcel of forty

acres bought by L. Brook and others from W. W. Chapman and wife, which is known on the plot of Division of said tract as Lot "D" containing five acres as by reference to the Multnomah County circuit court records will more fully appear, to lease the same from time to time upon such terms and conditions as he may deem expedient, and to collect and receive the rents thereof, and also to sell and convey my said real estate or any part thereof, for such price and upon such terms and credits as he may deem expedient. And for the purposes aforesaid I hereby authorize and empower my said [156] attorney to make execute and deliver all requisite leases and deed or other instruments under seal or otherwise giving and granting unto my said attorney full power and authority to do and perform all and and every act and thing whatsoever requisite and necessary to be done in and about the premises as fully, to all intents and purposes as I might or could do if personally present, with full power of substitution and, revocation, hereby ratifying and confirming all that my said attorney or his substitute shall lawfully do or cause to be done by virtue hereof.

In Witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand seal this . . . . day of . . . . . A. D 1865

[No signatures appended or dates written.]

1866

First letter in which Owen charges his former agent, Thomas W. Harris, with unfairness

[156] Fort Owen B. R. V. M. T.
Feby 27" 1866

Thos W. Harris Esqr
Dear Sir

I have been somewhat Startled at the reports that have reach My Ears within the last two days that should have been Made & put in Circulation by you For a long time I would Not & could Not believe them as coming from one who has always professed so Warm and disinterested a feeling for Me.

First . . . Mr. Kinny says that last fall You told Mr Worden & Mr Conley in his hearing & presence that I was indebted to you some $1500.00 or More & that you intended haing a Settlement with Me So Soon as you reached home. Also — That while you had chge of the Fort Farm your Wife furnished My table With Butter for Which

you Never got one cent — also — that last Summer I got 40 lbs Butter from your Wife & that [157] you intended taking (Pointing out the Colt) a two year old pacing colt for pay — also — That you had on Some occassion loaned Me $500.00 and all the satisfacion you Ever had Was Seeing it Credited to you on the Books. That I had been in your debt Ever Since you had been in the Country — Mr. Kinny further States that he Never should have used the abusive language to Me on the Flint Creek Hills last fall unless prompted by you — That he Now feels Sorry for it and is Satisfied that you are Not & have Never been My friend.

These & Many others. The first Was to Worden & Conly & the latter ones to Kinny himself to all of which he Says he will take his Bible oath & tell you the Same

Wm Raup Tells Me that last Summer You had a conversation with him in the Mill to this Effect.

That he Raup had better look out for his pay that I was heavily in debt & that the Mill would pass out of My hands. That he Would have to take horses or any thng he could get for his pay. You Now have Some of the reports & the Authors — What Vindication have you to Make. It only surprises Me to think how you could act with such duplicity toward one whose Confidence you have Enjoyed for over ten years. How can you invite one to your house & take such pains to Make him comfortable while Enjoying your unostentatious hospitality and at the Same time harbour in your bosom germs of dislike that generate the reports that are Circulating around Me. Let the past be the past — our former intimacy I will bury in oblivion & We Will Now Meet as Strangers. I shall Ever — I hope — Speak of you with Kindness. I wish You well & hope that you May have Many Years of Sunshine & Enjoy the fruits of your indomitable perserverance. This has been to Me a painful task — I can't act the Hypocrit. I could Not Meet you as formerly Extending you My hand with fervent Cordiality with these reports Smouldering in My Bosom.

[158] I have unburthend My breast and am done Now for Business. Do you remember that in April last You came into the office & Expressed a Wish to See your a/c. I referd to it & remarked that the Ball in your favor was $202.61 You then with an overflowing heart said Major. "Ballance that & call it Square I claim No interest in the Colts. Nor Sheep — I failed to do for you while you were absent what I agreed to do Call Everything Square — I request it as a favor &c" My reply was "Thomas I will do No Such thing."

Well the private a/c is Now Settled. The Sheep affair also settled & so Soon as the Snow goes off I will have the horses brought into the corrall & you will Select some disinterested Man & I will another & the colts shall be divided according to My agreement.

The 40 lbs of Butter Your Wife Was So Kind as to let Me have last Summer I will pay her for if I have to Sell My Shirt. My part of our contract having been complied with. I certainly could Not Expect less of you than a similar compliance on your part. I have gone carefully over the Books during the interim of fifteen Months that you were acting as My agent. I have given you Credit for all Monies paid on My a/c & have chgd you with the property left in your chge to be disposed of [for] My benefit — and I find in Striking the Ballance a difference against you for $811.00 ("for Statement of the a/c See Blotter Page 132") I further claim 200 Bu. Wheat a Bonus promised if I started My Mill on 15" Sept. Had I Not have Started the Mill by the time Specified I have Not doubt but that you would have claimed the privilege of having your Wheat ground free of toll for two years. Consequently I claim the Bonus. By our Written agreement fall (63) ("Which See on page 153") you were to saw for Me a Bill of Lumber (Which Bill was Entd on Blotter Page 122) for the Grist Mill Which Was Not done. The Estimate [159] of the Bill is some 30000 feet which at $25.00 pr thousand ("Which is the lowest figure I can buy it for) amounts to $750.00 It is Not My intention to press or distress you in the Matter But the things herein Enumerated I do and Shall Expect as My rights Say Nothing of the Consideration you have already recd therefor

Respt your obt Sevt

JNO OWEN

[The following itemized account is apparently a postscript to the above letter.]

[159] Statement of Amt realized from Crop 1863

50 Bu Potatoes Sold G. M. Winds	3.00	150.00
8½ " " " & chgd Fowler	3.00	25.00
Amt. Veg. Sold & chgd Peters in a/c		29.52
" recd for Sales to Miner		15.95
" " " " Stinking Water per Thos. W. H.		100.00
		$320.97

Bu Wheat Not Known
" Oats None
The Mill Started Augst. 11" 1863 & Stopd Nov. 1st Making in all

81 days during which time it run Night & day Sundays Not Excepted. The Estimate I Made of the Number of Bu. Ground before I left for the East in Novr. was 3000 which would give Me 1/7 for toll 428 4/7 Bu which would Make — Say 30 lbs to the Bu. 12840lbs flour which was a great deal More flour that I Sold or used

I Sold Mr Windes 2000 lbs McWhirk 2317 = 4317 lbs which would leave over 8500 lbs to be accounted for

Owen's Second letter to Harris

[160] Fort Owen Bitter Root Valley
Montana Territory
March 6" 1866

Thos W. Harris Esqr
Dear Sir

I have been busily Engaged on your a/cs Since you were last in and am Sorry that I did not have them completed When Mr Simms left for your place to day. In going over your private a/c I discovd an Error I had Made in one of My additions of $30.00 against you which I have given You Cr for. So Now Your private a/c Stands — Cr $30.00 Amt. Error — $30.00 for 40 lbs of Butter recd of your Wife last Summer — & $15.00 for 100 lbs Beef recd from Your Bro. Lewis last January — Making in all $75.00 The a/c against you while acting under Contract as My Agent I trust you Will find correct. The Amt. due Me for Lumber I am justly Entitled to & any Court of Equity in the World Would award Me the Amt. I claim. The 200 Bu. of Wheat I have put a low Estimate upon. The payment of that I will leave Entirely to Your own delicate Sense of honor. I Sincerely trust that you will do Me the justice to Say that I have been of some little Service to you when you look over your a/c & See that Nearly $7000.00 has been passed through your hands — through My great desire to Serve You. I am only surprised from the opportunities you have had that you have Not Emassed More of a fortune than you have. But then your losses of the Severe Winter 61 & 62 Must be taken into account. If I remember correctly you was a heavy Sufferer — losing Nearly all your horned Stock & a Number of horses from the great Severity of the Weather.

Another thing by referring to your a/c You Will See that you have invariably had your [161] Goods in just Such quantities as Suited you at about cost & transportation. Which gave you Many advantages in trade &c Again I have always Stood paymaster between

yourself & the Ind. Dept. & the Ind. Dept. Employees by which I Suffered No little in the depreciated currency in which My a/cs Were paid. You haing always recd a Gold Equivalent for the amts passed to your Cr in a/c. I regret My present inability to pay your Wife for the 40 lbs of Butter she so Kindly let Me have for My Mess last Summer. But I hope to be able to liquidate the amt. therefor before Many Moons roll around. Another very unkind remark I hear as coming from you — which is this. That you fed My family while I was absent for which you recd nothing. My Journal records at the time I left 3 hogs fattening in the pen & one Steer turned over to you for Beef &c Was I to have No consideration for the use of the premises & property turned over to you fall 1863 The Grist Mill alone Mc Cord told Me Made you Nearly $3000.00 I know I realized Nearly or quite that the fall 63 before leaving for the East. Yet I have Not complained — further than to Say that I was Much disappointed in Not finding Something on hand when I returned after an absence of 15 Months. From the quantity of Seed I left My farm ought to have paid Me for My share $2000.00 or More But instead of that it brought Me in debt. I have felt all along — & I feel Now that I have the right to call you to account for your Stewardship particularly — when the results of your Management have Not been Satisfactory — The Door is open for Self Vindication & has Never been & Never will be closed against you. One other thing I will request as an act of justice to Myself — & that is this — That you will be Kind Enough to disabuse the public Mind of the impressions it labors under growing out of the [162] reports that have been & are being circulated.

First. That I am heavily indebted to you &c

Second That My table has been furnished with Butter by your Wife for Which she Never recd any thing

Third That you done all the Work upon the Farm Made all the improvements fencing &c &c Without reciving any benefit from Same &c

It will be More Magnanimous for you to come out & deny these things. Thereby placing Me in a proper light befor the people — than to tacitly acquiesce in them. & Leaving the Public Mind in doubt.

The former course can do you No harm — and I am Certain that the latter can do you No good — As you do Not profess to be familiar with a/cs probably it will be as well to avail yourself of the assistance

of Mr Simms while visiting you as I am under the impression that he is a thorough accountant.

I Merely Make the Suggestion. You will act in the premises as you May think best

Respt your obt Servt

Jno Owen

Owen's Third Letter to Harris

[169] Fort Owen Bitter Root Valley
Montana Terrtory
Mar 8" 1866

Dear Sir

I have the honor to acknowledge receipt of letter of this date purporting to have been Written by Messrs Thos W. Harris & Bro. I Must acknowledge that I know of No Such firm in Existence at this time. The Chirography however I recognise as that of the Junr partner of the late firm. And the diction I presume is the glowing production of the Same Juvenile Mind. I have the Most vivid recollection of the pompous induction of the late firm but its reign being So very short it appears as a dream. I also recollect that the youthful indiscretions of the Jun'r partner would have brought the late firm to a Most unhappy End in the very incipient Stage of its Existence had it Not have been for My opportune intercession An intercession prompted by the purest of Motives and So little appreciated & So illy requited by the one that it was intended Most to benefit. A Striking Exemplification of ingratitude which I deeply deplore. The a/c due the late firm I am Sorry to Say I can't liquidate within the time Specified in the letter transmitting Same Neither am I able to give the assurance Necessary — also indicated in the letter above referd to of My being able to Meet the Same by the 1st of the Coming Month. I shall leave on or about the 15" inst for the Mines & Helena and can't say with Certainty how long I will be absent. In the Mean time if I can possibly realize the Money by Sale of property — Stock or otherwise the said a/c shall be settled without delay

Respt your obt Sevt

Jno Owen

To Thos W.Harris Esqr assignee of the late firm of
Mess Thos W Harris & Bros

OWEN'S FINAL LETTER TO HARRIS

[165] Fort Owen Bitter Root Valley
Montana Territory
March 10" 1866

THOS. W. HARRIS Esqr

Yours 8 inst with a Wonderful a/c Enclosed recd It has with all due pomp & Solemnity been deposited in the archives of Fort Owen to be Exhumed at Some future day an Endering Monument of your "Gratitude." The a/c is a Subterfuge A tissue of false charges without fundation, concocted by a Morbid brain fertile with offsets against a just & legitimate a/c. Were it Not for fear of your charging Me with disrespect—if Not Contempt—for your communication I should have consigned it to the dark recess it Now occupies unanswered. I Must be allowed to Say that My astonishment in perusing the Wonderful document was Equaled if Not Exceld by the Amusement the audaciousness of the charges afforded Me. Your coolness in Making them Must have been truly refreshing. I will comment upon a few items only. Item ♯1 $2000.00 chgd for your Services &c &c. During Six Mos of the period for which this chge is Made you drew pay from the Ind. Dept as farmer. I have No recollection of your being in My Special Service prior to Oct. 5" 1863 when by written agreement you became My agent for the time I would be absent East.

Item ♯2 $164.00 chgd for use one Yoke oxen to Fort Benton & back a Modest chge. Have you any More oxen to hire on same Moderate terms

Item ♯3 $1000.00 chgd for herding band of horses. I deny the horses being in your chge & herded at your Expense for the period for which the chge is Made

Item ♯4 $800.00 chgd for Butter Cream & Milk furnished Fort Owen

It is a greasy charge when taken into consideration that you had the use of My own Cows. Pasture furnishd for the Calves Milk Pans & Milk houses furnishd at the Expense of Fort Owen. How could you have sufficient Muscle to grasp the pen while Making it out. And then for the period for which the very Modest chge was Made I was absent from the fort over one half of the time. I don't think you boasted of Many Cows that Spring — as it was the one imediately following the Severe Winter by Which Most of your cows perished

Item ♯5 $400.00 chgd Board of Jno Chatfield. I have referd

the a/c to him & he Says that if he owes for any thing for Board he is able to pay it

[166] Item #6 $315.00 chgd for Board John E Johnson 105 dy $3.00 pr day

I Must acknowledge that the price chgd per day Savors of the rates chgd at Occidental the resort of the Elite of the Pacific Coast I will however take the liberty of forwarding the a/c to his Mother & urge the justice & Moderation of the charge.

Item #7 $440.00 chgd Board Silverthorn Crandall & Mr Windes allow Me to ask if it is Not deemed too impertinent whose rations they were Eating? I Wonder if you did Not have the Key of the Com. Store house. Where did the rations consumed by your own large family come from? As for Ben Crandall I Never Knew he Worked for Me. When I came home Summer /63 I found him here Working on the farm & Never until I saw your a/c Credited with $100.00 paid him did I Know I owed him any thing. I Called your attention to it one day & your reply was that he helped Stack lumber in the Yard. With Some propriety why not chge Me with Board Maj. Graham Mr. Irvne & others who are delighted to Call at 3 Mile Creek. I was at your house two days Myself [last?] Month & No chge Made for it. Have you a liscense for Hotel Keeping.

Item #8 $400.00 chgd Board Mrs Owen. Dont your cheek Burn with shame at this outrageous charge! Did you reflect when you Made it that your family had been a very heavy tax upon Me for Seven Years. You always had the same access to Com. Store house as Myself. The ration Book Kept by C. E. Irvine Frush Blake Chase & Sinclair is a volume replete with the Most incontestable Evidence against the justice of this charge. Sugar, Coffee, Rice & Flour, have been issued to you by the Sack. Hard Bread by the Box. Beef by the quarter and No delacacies that I had for Myself were Ever withheld from you or your family. Was there Ever a chge Made against you for them? "Not one Cent." Gratitude What a jewel & how few possess it. You speak of My using your "Money" without paying you any interest. This is Cool. Your horses without pay &c Still Cooler & More of it. Whose animals & plows broke up the land on 3 Mile Creek Spring 1863? Whose animals thrashed the grain? Whose horses hauled Many of the rails that Enclose your farm I suggested bringing the horses in the Corall &c [167] you say let you Know when I drive them in &c &c

This Savors of a threat of defiance. I do not intend to allow you to provoke me to a quarrel however great the provocation May be.

PLATE XXX

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A "Dollar" of the Northwestern Fur Trade

This coin issued by the firm of Durfee & Peck, from a photograph of the
in the collections of the Missouri Historical Society

During the 1850's Durfee & Peck were operating on the Upper Mis-
souri, and, like traders in the Indian country, were in the habit of issuing
brass trade tokens which the Indians, after receiving their furs and
buffalo robes, could then buy goods priced at an equal amount from the trading stores of
the Fur Company.

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A "Dollar" of the Northwestern Fur Trade

The coin issued by the firm of Durfee & Peck, from a photograph of the specimen in the collections of the Montana Historical Society.

Early in 1867 Durfee & Peck's representative on the Upper Missouri (Larpenteur) built an adobe trading post, 96 by 20 feet in dimensions, at Fort Union, and there traded with the Indians. Later in the year Durfee & Peck abandoned the location and Larpenteur built for them, at Buford, a log post 120 feet long. There he bought 2,000 bison skins, 900 elk hides, 1,000 wolf skins and 1,800 deer skins. The *Helena Weekly Herald* of June 10, 1869, reported that The Northwest Fur Company had sold all its trading posts on the Missouri, except at Fort Benton, to Durfee & Peck.

The coin here portrayed was doubtless made and used during the period in question, in paying the Indians for the skins brought in by them. For such a "dollar" an Indian could then buy goods priced at an equal amount from the trading store of the Fur Company.

Yet there is a point beyond Which forbearance ceases to be a Virtue. I am No Bully Neither will I play the part of an assassin. Neither will I try to take the horses Stealthily. At the proper time I will politely & respectfully demand them to be driven into My Corrall the place where you recd them & properly turned over to Me after the Colts are divided in the proper Spirit. If you decline I shall have to abide by the Slow-tedious-costly-but certain process of the law. You say I had No interest in the hogs &c "What Audacity." I Bought the hogs from Father Hocken the chickens too — Spring 1857 — Wrote you from the agency to come down & get them — you came. I gave you an order for them & afterwards wrote the father for the Bill If you used your own horse "old Nig" It was through Kindness No doubt. But then I had plenty of animals at the time doing Nothing at the fort & Why Not have used them

I Sold you one Yoke of oxen fall 63 & turned over a Steer for Beef for My family consiting of My old Wife & Mr Irvines little Boy. The hogs in the pen were Mine. Spring 1861 I paid Father Menatry for Boar Pig as per a/c.

Your Wife very Kindly left with Mr Fowler 12 hens & one Cock The Ball were carried to three Mile Creek

You left With Mrs Fowler one of My Cows. The Ball were Milked by your generous Wife at your domain on 3 Mile Creek. I have answered all the points I deem Necessary & here this correspondence Must cease for I do Most positively decline receiving any further communication from you.

I cant See what possible good can result to either of us by a further continuation of the Same

Respt your obt Sevt

JNO OWEN

"over"

[168] In the a/c referd to you Say on the 15" Aprl 1861 that there was a Ball due You of $813.81 It is true. But what were the items Cr to you in a/c just preceding that Settlement, showing this Ball. viz.

Oct. 25" 1860	Beef $24.00 order from Lt. Mullan for Suplies furnishd his Expedition $10.00 1 pr Buc Skin pants for Mc Knight "Ind Dept Employee $12.00	46.00
Novr. 17"	40 Cds Wood @ $5.00 pr Cord Making	$200.00
	3 Tons Hay " $15.00 " Ton "	45.00
1861	Vegetables furnished from farm "for Mess"	200.00
April 15"	55 Bu. Wheat for Seed $5.00	275.00

Amt. chgd Jno Owen ("Card Money")		44.50
"	" for 2 Buc. Skins $2.50	5.00
"	" H. M. Chase	12.00
"	" Antoine Pernier	1.00

Amt. Cr's just preceeding Settlement alluded to. $828.50

In a few days after the Settlement — just before My departure for Portland — you gave two orders on Me for "Card Money — one in favr L. L. Blake for $160.00 & one in favor John Smith for $100.00 "Which I accepted & paid on reaching Portland" Making $260.00 which deducted from the above amt of $828.50 would have left a Ball in your favor of $568.50 However this amt is included in your private a/c already rend. showing in full a Ball. in your favor of $75.00 Mar "6" 1866. I do Not See the Money included in this amt. that you Speak of My having the use of without interest &c "I See No Money."

Respt your obt Servt

Jno Owen

Owen's Demand on Harris for the Fort Owen band of Horses

[170] Fort Owen Bitter Root Valley
Montana Territory
April 13" 1866

Thos W. Harris Esqr
Sir

I am Now ready to receive the Fort Owen Band of Horses. Mares & Colts and to divide the Colts Sired by your horse Ben according to our Contract fall 1863

Respt yours

Jno Owen

[Harris refused to give up the animals and Owen recovered his share of them through a resort to law. The comments of the two men after the verdict may be found in their journals of the period.]

TEXT OF AN UNEXECUTED MINING QUIT CLAIM. OWEN YIELDED IN SLIGHT DEGREE TO THE GOLD FEVER AND HIS JOURNALS INDICATED HE HAD ONE OR MORE CLAIMS

Know all Men by these presents that I ———— of the County of ———— in the Territory of Montana for and in consideration of the Sum of ———— Dollars to Me in hand paid the receipt of which is hereby acknowledged have this day bargained Sold & conveyed & by these presents do bargan Sell & convey and forever quit claim unto ———— all My right title & interest in & to the following described Quartz Mining property

To Wit Claim No ———— West from discovery on the ———— Quartz lode consisting of ———— feet lying & being in the County & territory aforesaid together with all & Singular the hereditaments & appurtenances thereunto belonging or in any wise appertaining. To hav & hold the Same unto themselves their heirs & assigns forever

In Witness whereof I have hereunto Set My hand & Seal on this ———— day of ———— A. D. 1866

Witness

Seal

Territory of Montana
s s
County of

On this ———— day of ———— A. D. ———— personally appeared before the undersigned one of the Justice of the Peace in & for Said County ———— personally Known to Me to be the person described in & who Executed the foregoing instrument who acknowledged to Me that he Executed the Same freely and voluntarily & for the uses & purposes therein Mentiond

Witness My hand this ———— day of ———— A. D. 1866

Runn Stamp under $500.00 50¢ or 50¢ for Ea $500.00 or fractional part of $500.00

Justice of the Peace

APPENDICES

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APPENDIX A

Concerning the Flatheads

While Lieutenant Mullan was making his explorations in search of the best route for a wagon road from Fort Benton to the Pacific Coast, in 1853 and after, he came much in contact with the Flatheads. In his early report to Stevens he discussed the tribe in passages that were incorporated by Stevens in his own preliminary report of 1854 (pp. 466-8.) Mullan then said:

"The Flatheads, as a nation, have more reason to complain of a want of attention and care, on the part of the government, than any other tribe of Indians probably in North America.

"Their numbers have been so greatly diminished during the last few years, by being murdered by the Blackfeet, that at present there remains but a handful of the noblest of the Indian tribes of North America to tell the tale of woe, misery, and misfortune, that they have suffered at the hands of the Blackfeet, these hellhounds of the mountains.

"For years now has their country been the theatre where have been committed murders the most brutal, and robberies the most bold and daring, until there is not left a spot but that is pointed out to the traveller where some innocent and unsuspecting Flathead was put to the knife in cold blood, or where were shot down scores of friendly Indians, by these devils of the mountains. So long has this state of things existed, the word "Blackfeet" has become the byword of terror and fear among all the tribes of Indians west of the Rocky mountains; and now it is that the young Flathead child is taught, as soon as it can comprehend the words of its father, to watch and guard his nation against the inroads of these devilish fiends.

"Thus are the seeds of enmity and hate thus early sown; and when the child becomes the full-grown man, he deems it his duty, a duty he owes not only to his family but to his tribe, to ward off the encroachments of these their enemies. Thus it is that deadly feuds have ever existed among these Indians, and so will they ever exist until our government shall take such measures as shall put an end to the same.

"When you [Stevens] passed through the country of the Blackfoot nation, they promised to live on terms of friendship with their neighbors the Flatheads, and now I have to communicate that since that time they have kept their promise most faithlessly. News has just reached me, by the Pend d'Oreille Indians, that while the chief, Victor, was on his way to the Buffalo hunt, east of the Missouri, he encamped on a prairie after having crossed the dividing ridge, and while there a part of his horses were stolen by a war party of Blackfeet. There were Pend d'Oreilles with him also at the time. The Flatheads started in pursuit of the Blackfeet, and succeeded in killing one and wounding a second. The dead body of the Blackfeet was

seen by Mr. Tinkham's party on their route from Fort Benton to this place. The Pend d'Oreilles being highly incensed at this want of faith on the part of the Blackfeet, they having been told by Victor that they had promised you most faithfully to abstain from all further depredations, followed the Blackfeet into Fort Benton, and there seeing a band of horses and mules, they chose from this band a number of Indian horses. These they thought belonged to the American Fur Company. They reason thus: 'Here are these whites, the employes of the American Fur Company, who have bought, and who do still buy, from the Blackfeet the horses that they steal from us, thus giving encouragement to their thieving propensities; and here are some of our horses; we will take them off;' and so they did, when the chief Victor told the Pend d'Oreille chief to take the horses back to Fort Benton, and turn them over to the chief at the fort; and this they did. The horses were turned over to Mr. Clark at Fort Benton. These same Pend d'Oreilles joined Mr. Tinkham on their return, on his fifth day out from Fort Benton, and accompanied him to the village of St. Mary's.

"The chief Victor said that the Flatheads had promised to live in peace with the Blackfeet, and only to war when their lives were threatened, and that none of his men should steal horses from either the whites or Indians; that, since you had promised to protect them, the matter should be referred to you. Here, then, is an act of bravery, nobleness, and honesty, on the part of these Indians, that is but seldom, if ever, met with among any other tribe of Indians, either east or west of the Rocky mountains; and here, too, is a strong and evident example of the reputed faithlessness of the Blackfoot nation."

On one occasion, later in the road building work, Mullan asked the Flatheads if they would aid him in his enterprise. He refers to this incident in his own Report (p. 21) and there says:

"The next morning their chief, Ambrose, came to Fort Owen, where I was a guest, with a bundle of one hundred and thirty-seven sticks, each representing a horse or a man [and representing the number of horses and men he could loan to Mullan for use in building the Governmental wagon route then in process of construction.] Such nobleness of character as is found among some of the Flatheads is seldom seen among Indians; and I here record to their credit that I never had a want but which, when made known to them, they supplied, and that they always treated myself and my parties with a frank generosity and a continuous friendship."

Mullan finally sums up his judgment of the Flatheads, and of their relations to the Government, in a passage in his Report (p. 49) wherein he says:

"They are the best Indians in the mountains. They have treaty arrangements with the government, but have never gone upon their reservation on the Jocko river; no steps have ever been taken to remove them thence, and they still reside in St. Mary's [the Bitter Root] valley, which, by the terms of the treaty, was guaranteed to them. They think the government has not kept its faith in not confirming this valley to them. Under judicious management they and the Pend d'Oreilles might be made to go upon a joint reservation, contemplated in a treaty made with them by Governor Stevens. They own great numbers of horses and cattle, and cultivate the soil more than any Indians except the Pend d'Oreilles. They are friendly, and under their chiefs, Victor, Ambrose, and Moise, will always remain so unless some great injustice is done them."

APPENDIX B

A Caucasian Opinion of the Red Race

During the Indian alarm of 1865 in the Northwest the *Montana Post* of June 10 published the following editorial statement under the title "Indian Troubles":

"If ever there can be a time when men should remember that prudence is the better part of valor, it is the present epoch in our territorial history. We have in the game about to be played an immense stake. The lives of our friends, the safety of our communications, the preservation of merchandise and machinery — in fact, all that this Territory has, and by far the greater part of what it needs, depend for their salvation, depend upon the foresight, energy and capability of the officers in charge of the expedition now fitting out to protect our people from the red ruffians, the aboriginal and murdering road agents, who curse with their presence and desolate with their ravages the frontier settlements lying west of the United States.

"The only real service that our small force can hope to accomplish at present, is to maintain the line from Benton to Last Chance, and to afford protection to the immigration coming up the river. Any attempt at general war on the redskins would result in consequences to fearful to contemplate. The Blackfeet, the Sioux, the Bannacks, the Piegans, Gros Ventres, Pen d'Oreilles, Nez Percés, Bloods, Crows, and others would all join in a crusade against the Whites, were our soldiers to commence an indiscriminate plunder and slaughter of all the Indians they might encounter, while a wholesome chastisement of the wrong doers, who all belong to the Blackfeet, will gratify the remainder of the tribes, many of whom would assist us and the remainder stand honestly neutral from hatred to the Blackfeet. A body of troops is now on the way to our rescue, and when they arrive we trust that our operations may be so extended, and such severe retribution visited upon the hateful as shall prevent any hostile manifestation on their part, till they disappear in the usual way, victims of their insatiable lusts and unconquerable indolence. We are the more careful to enforce these views and arguments upon our people on account of the report that has reached us that the men of Last Chance have determined to organize independently, and we know full well that such expeditions usually terminate in marauding, or indiscriminate onslaughts on everything red. The gigantic evil of such a system of operations must be evident to the most unthinking, and we trust that no hot or young blood will precipitate us into a general Indian war, which the Territory is unable to sustain without the aid of regular troops, and which will result most disastrously for the very interests which it is the object of our preparations to subserve and protect.

"On the general score we cannot help saying that, were it not too serious a subject for a jest, that we might well smile at the Democracy that is so righteously and so severely exercised at the idea of tyranny in the shape of game laws, and forced tithings in the old countries, and yet enforces them so stringently on behalf of the copper-colored banditti, who, scorning useful labor, make pack horses of their own women, ravish and enslave all of ours they can lay their hands on, and dry the scalps of our plundered and murdered people in that nest of abominations, an Indian wigwam. The truth is, that under the present system the tribes are receiving for every extra atrocity additional blankets, guns, ammunition, etc., etc., to enable them to do better in that line as soon after they get them as convenient. We deny the Indians' rights to the lands. Robbers and murderers have no such rights, and all the redskins are born and reared for that special trade. If there were any chance

of a cabinet minister feeling his own scalp in danger, or of his frantically scouring the country for his own lost wife or child — then, these things would be altered. It is because we of the mountains know what an Indian is and feel what he does, that we hate him and desire his death; while, on the other hand, it is because the authorities know nothing about Indians that they issue commissions to investigate imaginary massacres of unoffending people. The only sin that a commander in an Indian war can commit (except being beaten) is to leave one of the accursed marauders alive, that it is in his power to kill. The sight of a few scalped and mutilated women and children, rotting on the prairies, would change the tone of the poor Indians' friends. The fact is that the Indian is, practically, a wild beast with human cunning; and experience shows, yearly, that men educated in the East become, on their return to their tribes, with scarcely a single exception, the most brutal and remorseless of their race. To justify the killing of a grizzly, and to demand that an Indian should be spared, is, in our judgment, a monstrous absurdity. Which does the most harm? The Indian, immeasureably. On the score of doing good the two are matched; but the grizzly is positively ahead of the savage on two counts; first, he has a good hide, which an Indian has not; secondly, he works for his living, according to the measure of his intelligence, which an Indian does not, but makes his wife do it for him. She toils while he sleeps, or amuses himself with murdering, scalping or robbery. The present opportunity is the finest that will ever occur in our history for the obliteration of these barbarians. We have plenty of soldiers and material of war. Send out a cavalry force under some man like Gen. Phil Sheridan, and abolish the Sioux, after which, such a lesson ought to be given to the remainder that the sight of a white man should make them tremble in their moccasins. Peace, except it be extorted and maintained by deadly fear, is not only suicidal, when savages are to be dealt with. It is simply time given to prepare for a renewed war, and to collect material for that purpose. We never heard of a truce with highwaymen, and we do not believe in treaties with Indians. Kill enough of them and that will be the signing, sealing and delivering of a treaty that they will not break till the last trumpet shall sound."

APPENDIX C

An Indian Opinion of the White Race

The following address, made by a Flathead Chief to his people after the Bitter Root Valley was opened to white settlement but while a part of the tribe still clung to its ancestral home in the valley, was printed in the *Missoulian* of April 26, 1876. The name of the red orator was not given, but he may have been Charlot. This speech, which seems to be unrecorded in any previous history of the Northwest or record of the race troubles there, possesses a quality which lifts it to high rank among the scornful accusations pronounced by native leaders against their white antagonists. The contemporary text of the address follows:

"Yes, my people, the white man wants us to pay him. He comes in his intent, and says we must pay him — pay him for our own — for the things we have from our God and our forefathers; for the things he never owned and never gave us. What law or right is that? What shame or what charity? The Indian says that a woman is more shameless than a man: but the white man has less shame than our women. Since our forefathers first beheld him more than seven times ten winters

have snowed and melted. Most of them, like those snows, have dissolved away. Their spirits went whither they came; his, they say, go there too. Do they meet and see us here? Can he blush before his Maker, or is he forever dead. Is his prayer like his promise — a trust of the wind? Is it a sound without sense? Is it a thing whose life is a foul thing? And is he not foul? He has filled graves with our bones. His horses, his cattle, his sheep, his men, his women have a rot. Does not his breath, his gums stink? His jaws lose their teeth and he stamps them with false ones; yet he is not ashamed. No, no; his course is destruction; he spoils what the spirit who gave us this country made beautiful and clean. But that is not enough; he wants us to pay him besides his enslaving our country. Yes, and our people, besides, that degradation of a tribe who never were his enemies. What is he? Who sent him here? We were happy when he first came. We first thought he came from the light: but he comes like the dusk of the evening now; not like the dawn of the morning. He comes like a day that has passed, and night enters our future with him.

"To take and to lie should be burned on his forehead, as he burns the sides of my stolen horses with his own name. Had Heaven's Chief burnt him with some mark to refuse him, we might have refused him. No; we did not refuse him in his weakness. In his poverty we fed, we cherished him — yes, befriended him, and showed him the fords and defiles of our lands. Yet we did not think his face was concealed with hair, and that he often smiled like a rabbit in his own beard. A long-tailed, skulking thing, fond of flat lands, and soft grass and woods.

"Did he not feast us with our own cattle, on our own land, yes, on our own plain by the cold spring; did he not invite our hands to his papers; did he not promise before the sun and before the eye that put fire in it, and in the name of both, and in the name of his own Chief, promise us what he promised — to give us what he has not given; to do what he knew he would never do? Now, because he lied, and because he yet lies, without friendship, manhood, justice, or charity, he wants us to give him money — pay him more. When shall he be satisfied? A roving skulk, first; a natural liar, next; and withal a murderer, a tyrant.

"To confirm his purpose; to make the trees and stones and his own people hear him, he whispers soldiers, lockhouses and iron chains. My people, we are poor; we are fatherless. The white man fathers this doom — yes, this curse on us and on the few that may see a few days more. He, the cause of our ruin, is his own snake which he says stole on his mother in her own country to lie to her. He says his story is that man was rejected and cast off. Why did we not reject him forever? He says one of his virgins had a son nailed to death on two cross sticks to save him. Were all of them dead when that young man died, we would all be safe now, and our country our own.

"But he lives to persist; yes, the rascal is also an unsatisfied beggar, and his hangman and swine follow his walk. Pay him money? Did he inquire, how? No, no, his meanness ropes his charity, his avarice wives his envy, his race breeds to extort. Did he speak at all like a friend? He saw a few horses and some cows, and so many tens of rails with the few of us that own them. His envy thereon baited to the quick. Why thus; because he himself says he is in a big debt, and wants us to help pay it. His avarice put him in debt, and he wants us to pay him for it and be his fools. Did he ask how many a helpless widow, how many a fatherless child, how many a blind and naked thing fare a little of that little we have? Did he — in a destroying night when the mountains and the firmaments put their faces together to freeze us — did he inquire if we had a spare rag of a blanket to save his lost and perishing steps to our fires? No, no; cold he is, and merciless. Four times in one

shivering night I last winter knew the old one-eyed Indian, Kenneth, the gray man of full seven tens of winters, was refused shelter in four of the white man's houses on his way that bad night; yet the aged, blinded man was turned out to his fate. No, no; he is cold and merciless, haughty and overbearing. Look at him, and he looks at you — how? His fishy eyes scan you as the why-oops do the shelled blue cock. He is cold, and stealth and envy are with him, and fit him as do his hands and feet. We owe him nothing. He owes us more than he will pay us, and yet he says there is a God.

"I know another aged Indian, with his only daughter and wife alone in their lodge. He had a few beaver skins and four or five poor horses — all he had. The night was bad and held every stream in thick ice; the earth was white; the stars burned nearer us as if to pity us, but the more they burned the more stood the hair of the deer on end with cold, nor heeded they the frost bursting bark of the willows. Two of the white man's people came to the lodge, lost and freezing pitifully. They fared well inside that lodge. The old wife and only daughter unbound and cut off their frozen shoes; gave them new ones and crushed sage-bark rind to keep their feet warm and smooth. She gave them warm soup; boiled deer meat and boiled beaver. They were saved; their safety returned to make them live. After awhile they would not stop; they would go. They went away. Mind you; remember well; at midnight they returned, murdered the old father and his daughter and her mother asleep, took the beaver skins and horses and left. Next day, the first and only Indian they met, a fine young man, they killed, put his body under the ice and rode away on his horse.

"Yet they say we are not good. Will he tell his own crimes? No, no; his crimes to us are left untold. But the Desolater bawls and cries the dangers of the country from us, the few left of us. Other tribes kill and ravish his women and stake his children, and eat his steers, and he gives them blankets and sugar for it. We the poor Flatheads who never troubled him, he wants now to distress and make poorer.

"I have no more to say, my people; but this much I have said and close to hear your minds about this payment. We never begot laws or rights to ask it. His laws never gave us a blade, nor a tree, nor a duck, nor a grouse, nor a trout. No; like the wolverine that steals your cache, how often does he come? You know he comes as long as he lives, and takes more and more, and dirties what he leaves."

APPENDIX D

Contemporary Comment on Fort Owen and the Bitter Root Valley

Doctor George Suckley, the Army Surgeon attached to Stevens' first exploring expedition, made a canoe trip from Fort Owen down the Bitter Root, Clark's Fork and Columbia Rivers to Vancouver. In his narrative, as printed in Stevens' Report of 1854 (pp. 275-6), he said:

"The valley at Fort Owen (on the site of the former mission) is about twelve miles wide. It is very fertile, watered by cool, sparkling brooks, and surrounded by lofty and picturesque mountains. It is inhabited by the Flathead or Selish Indians. How they obtained the name of Flatheads I am unable to say, as the custom of flattening children's heads is not practised by them. The men are rather below the

average size, but they are well-knit, muscular, and good-looking. Although professedly Roman Catholics, they still keep up their aboriginal mode of dress, and many of their old customs. They are remarkably honest, good-natured, and amiable. On account of the depredations and constant aggressions made upon them by the Blackfeet, and their own migratory habits, it was found inadvisable to keep up the mission among them. It was accordingly abandoned three years ago; they still remember the good teachings of the missionaries, as evinced by their honesty and chastity. Although few in number, they are very brave, and invariably attack the Blackfeet when they meet. The custom of scalping dead enemies is abandoned by them. Owing to the incursions of the Blackfeet, who steal their horses, they have but few good animals left — so few, that some are prevented from buffalo hunting in consequence. They raise some wheat and potatoes, but depend principally on the chase for subsistence. They have quite a large number of cattle; these they corral at night to prevent them from being killed by the Blackfeet. The latter Indians do not steal cattle as they do horses, but kill them out of malice. The brothers Owen purchased the mission buildings of the priests, and established a private trading-post. This is called Fort Owen. It is surrounded by the Flathead village, numbering sixteen wooden houses."

Another of Stevens' party on this first expedition was Lieutenant Grover of the Army, whose especial duty was to seek and record information pertaining to the climate and related natural and economic conditions. In the summary of his work (published in Stevens' Report of 1854, pp. 412-13), he stated:

"On the 21st we reached the Bitter Root valley and camped on the Bitter Root river. As we approached the valley there was a sensible diminution of snow, and in the valley itself it did not exceed five inches in depth, and a porton of the valley was entirely bare. The next day, the 22d [1853], we arrived at the trading-post of Mr. Owen, who, with great kindness, furnished us with every comfort required. During my stay in this fine valley, preparatory to the continuation of my journey, I could but notice the fine cattle belonging to Mr. Owen and the Indians (Flatheads), and never have I seen cattle in better condition anywhere, or in any season, than these were, though entirely unsheltered and uncared for. The cows and young cattle were mostly as fat as stall-fed beeves; and calves a week old and younger were running at large on the range. I was informed by Mr. Owen that he never lost his calves from the inclemency of the weather, though he never housed his stock or fed them. The mildness of this valley may be regarded as remarkable, considering its latitude."

APPENDIX E

An Opinion of the Jesuit Missionaries of the Northwest

The following article was printed in the *Missoula Gazette* of August 7, 1889, virtually at the end of the period during which the work of the Jesuit missionaries in the Northwest constituted a distinguishing feature of the pioneer era.

"In trying to estimate the Montana Jesuits' true character a person is at once struck with their extraordinary ability, activity, and talent for detail. They are real 'rustlers.'

"The Jesuits feel that whoever ministers to the souls of the people, especially of a savage people, must reach them through their bodies. I am inclined to think they reason that the confidence to be desired as spiritual teachers and guides, is most

easily secured by attention to the humbler interests. It is a serious thing to become an Indian missionary. It must be a wonderful love of Christ that strengthens the heart for such work. It is undoubtedly a sacrifice to become a Jesuit missionary. There can never be a home for him anywhere on earth. Christ had no home. The Jesuit missionary comes nearest to Christ in his service, and consequently he comes nearest to Christ in his sacrifice. What have the Palladinos, Menetreys, Van Gorps, and D'Astes, so well known to Gazette readers? Not a cent in the world, only the rags they wear and the plain food they so sparingly use. When I converse with the Jesuits I generally am more forcible than polite in my language, abusing and satirizing them, calling them fools, fanatics, or whatever comes uppermost on my tongue; but I expect when we all 'cross the range' and pass in our 'chips' the Jesuits will be enjoying those 'Piles' which we'll all be prospecting for if we only can escape Hades."

APPENDIX F

The Library Assembled at the Fort by Owen

Lieutenant Mullan, in his *Guide*, speaks of the astonishment with which he discovered the size and quality of Owen's library at the Fort. He described it as "the finest library I have seen on the north Pacific Coast."

The precise extent of the collection of books thus assembled in the Wilderness cannot now be known, but some understanding of its character may be gathered from a list of the Fort volumes found and preserved by the McCormick family of Missoula, and now in the library of Washington J. McCormick, Esq., of that city. Each book contains the autographic signature of Owen. The rescued works are as follows:

Locke's Essay Concerning the Human Understanding. New York, 1824.

Washington Irving's Works. (Complete edition.)

Alison's History of Europe, in four volumes. New York, 1846.

Chambers' Encyclopedia. (Many volumes.)

The Waverly Novels of Sir Walter Scott. Ticknor and Fields Edition, 1858.

Marryat's Works. (Complete edition.)

John Lingard's History of England. First American Edition. Philadelphia, 1827. This is the book concerning which Owen wrote the letter of January 10, 1859, to Father Hoecken, regretting he had kept the work for four years under a misapprehension, returning it, and offering to buy it from the Missionary for twenty-five dollars.

Dickens' Complete Works. The Peterson Edition. Uniformly bound in polished calf.

Hildreth's History of the United States.

The Writings of Thomas Jefferson. Edited by H. A. Washington. Nine volumes. New York, 1854.

Rollins' Ancient History. First complete American Edition. New York, 1854.

Plutarch's Lives. Edited by Langhorne. New York, 1858.

Mrs. McCormick — the Kate Higgins of the Journals — states that to the best of her girlhood recollection, two walls of the Fort room used as a library and office were filled with volumes of like character to the number of several hundred.

APPENDIX G

Owen's Dictionary and Phrase Book of the Salish or Flathead Language

Owen began his study of the Flathead language at once upon his arrival in the Bitter Root Valley, and about forty pages of the first volume devoted to his Journals (that containing the records of 1851) were used in preparing a working dictionary and phrase book of the speech of the natives about him.

This is one of the earliest known studies of the Salish tongue. In discussing it for the purpose of these volumes the Bureau of American Ethnology, Smithsonian Institution, cites as its predecessors the vocabulary made by Eels and Walker in the forties; the sketch by Hale published in 1846 in the *Ethnology and Philology* (pp. 535-542) of the United States Exploring Expedition; and the vocabulary made by Mengarini in the late forties. The Salish is not the same as the Kalispel or Pend d'Oreilles language treated in the volumes issued by the St. Ignatious Mission, but is similar.

Owen's dictionary consists of about two hundred words and one hundred phrases, which collectively embrace the concepts necessary to an Indian trader. In addition, and for official or more difficult negotiations with the natives, he used or was accompanied by an interpreter.

The dictionary is prepared in a columnar arrangement, with the English words or phrases at the left side of the pages, and their native equivalents on the right. As might be expected, Owen's written English equivalents of the Salish speech, derived from his oral interpretation of the spoken syllables, differ in numerous instances from the greater phonetic exactitude since adopted as a result of longer and more exact scientific study. They were, however, sufficient for his time and purposes.

The text of the dictionary follows:

Blanket	Seetsum
Red Cloth	quill quilt
Blue Do	qui quete
White Do	(no equivalent given)
Ribbon	Cotle per Mean
Thread	Star Po Kish
Needles	Chil E Wha
Awls	L Co Min
Rings	Chin – Po – Kine
Paint	Ute Som Em
Hdkf	Scar Laps
H. Bells	ch. Par. Sar.
Knife	Nin cho men
Scissors	Nuch cho min
Cut G. Beads	(no equivalent given)
Round Do	(no equivalent given)
Garnish'g Do	(no equivalent given)
Gun Worms	ch – arlk – com – in
Flints	Sin chil let
Pur [percussion?] Caps	Sin chil let ta Soc

Powder	In Po Co Me
Balls	Clem Melt le me
Tobacco	S – men – que
Pipe	Sn a men Ka ten
Soap	Say O men
Calico	Itl Ki Ki
Candle	Si Co men
Candle Stick	Sin Si Co men
Shirt	Cote lish tar
Coat	Chitl – cot – te – sha
Pants	Snort Loo
Vest	Scotl – Chin – Chin Par
Socks	Sin Cotl Shin
Moccasins	Ki Shin
Hat	quort Skun
Gun	So lute lum me
Small Do or Pistol	Sul lute lum me
Saddle	In ti co chis car
Pack Do	Ar Morn tar
Bridle	Co lark Sup ski
Hair Cord	Arch Skar
Carlrase (?)	Se – pie (or pii)
Stirrups	Sinch Ki lu nay (or uay)
Girth	(no translation written)
Pishamo	In cop She skan car (or cur)
Lodge	Setu
Do Poles	Ski E. mon
Bag	Scho qua
Tobacco Sack	Sin che Sa
Water	Sou ulk
Whiskey	Saney Sou ulk
Wood	Louke
Fire	Sol She
Pan	(no translation given)
Cup	Sin – Tl – Suseten
Kettle	Tl – shap
Plate	Ka palte sa
Spoon	Klope men
Bucket	Sin muli tin
Comb	So she mene
Chair	Sinche a mute a
House	S – Louke It who
Room	(no equivalent written)
Axe	Shil ax min
Hatchet	Ts Shil a min
Shovel	Ah Homen
Hoe	Sha Lu Le
Plough	Tr Lu Le
Fence	Scotte – ar
Field	Sin carlk cuten
Gate	(no equivalent written)

Potatoes	Patac
Wheat	Spo Ki
Oats	(no equivalent written)
Turnips	Mil le Mele (?) co
Carrots	Sclo cum
Beets	(no equivalent given)
Medicine	Mar Se Em a
Chair	Sinche a mute a
Sugar	Tish
Coffee	Corpu (In quinc or quiuc)
Flour	iss Swak
Meat	Skirt (?) Tish
Looking Glass	Arts husn su (or see)
Rain	Te pal
Snow	Sa Ma cote (altered in ms. and uncertain)
Ice	S huent(?) te co
Stone	Shanse
Shoes	St – Sta shin
Pipe Stem	Pe – Pa – pe – ten
Leggins	Skilt Lish
Fish hook	Kur (?) co men
fire steel	chut suten
barb (?)	Scole Sa
Man	Scol Te me qu
Young Man	Tit to Wete
Boy	Scoi ku Sa
Men	Scol col te me
Boys	Sque E qu say
Woman	Sim Maam
Women	Pel Pelt que
Young Woman	Stuch E min
Girl	Sha sho ten
Baby	och o tell
Father	La a o
Mother	Is Scoie
Brother	Is in co See
Sister	Is huce Sim Maam
Uncle	East tl la ma
Aunt	Clu Es ten
Son	Co – Say
Daughter	Is tum che aam
Horse	Sin Shie sar Ski
Mule	Stole Lah
Ox	Sult Sum
Cow	Sto Mar
Heifer 2 years old	Sta Ki u tah
Do yearling	Lqua co co
Calf	chil cul cul La
Dog	In. co. Sa. me
Cat	Puss

Chicken	quiss quiss
Moose	Scin (?) Sils (?)
Elk	Snetch Elt La
Deer	So – o – ley
Do B. T. [Black Tail]	Stole say
Sheep	clo me nah
Wolfe	En Seits (?) sun
Fox	Wha wiley
Buffaloe	Sultlum (?)
Grisly Bear	Sim a Rhy
Blk Do	In clam con
Bro. Do	Each E Qude (?) – In clam con
Antelope	Starm
Feminine Gender	See mump chin
Mare	Sa mo
Gelding	Skel te mu ska
Stud	S – n a mil mie qua
Colt	S (L?) Ka Ki E
Colt 1 year	Co Co – ma o
Colt 2 year	Do (ditto)
what	Stem
which	chen
who	Swet
whose	(no translation given)
when	Pe sta
where	(no translation given)
I or me	Co Yuh
you	on a wee
him	Sin Tlsh
his	" "
us	Ki
we	Kine Pilsh
This	E – har – E
That	L shay
yours	In pel La (Sa?)
mine	Co ya
here	yel la ah
there	Ilt (?) see
Good	Kisht
Bad	Ti Ya
Not Good	Tars (?) Kisht
Yes	o – nah
No	Tar
Gone	Etch O
Bring	Skie E Kune
Black	E. qui
White	E. pic
Red	E. quell
Blue or Green	E. quene (quine?)
Yellow	E. qui le
Dark	E chim

Very Dark	E chim a po me
Light	E Hail
Smoke	E. mot
Sun	Kol Kault (?) Spe (?) con E
Moon	Sco quaits Spe con E
Stars	co co Sum
Sky	S S – chit Stem Eap
Morning	quec uste
Noon	In to cane
Night	Sco quaits
Day	(no translation given)
Large	co tonte
Small	Co Co Yo me
Midling	Po to Shay
American	See arper
Frenchman	Say me
Heavens	S S – chit chim ars kot
Land	Stoley Hue
People	Skiely hue
Nes Perce	Sarput
Blk feet	S S cho qua
Crow	Stem ch
Snake's	Snu E.
Chief	Ele me hu
Ski Lao	Beaver Skin
L T. Co	Otter Do

Do you want to go home	Ar queist (?) en hoa on Seter (?)
Do you want to Eat	Ar queist (?) etla´na
Do you want to see your father	Ar quist which a ma on La o
What is the matter	quets chen
What do you want	quets Stem Ea
Where are you going	ch cha quais hoe
Are you lonesome	Ar quit cho pae
Are you tired	ar quit I ute
Are you sick	ar quist Sol e me
Whose Horse is that	Sute scart lish shay
Where do you want to go	ch cha qunt ta ques hoe
Where have you been	que so nish tis Stem
What is the name	Stem sclo´quest
Where are the Horses	ch cho – sin sil san ki
Which one	Ets chen
What do you Say	quite Sind
Will you go with me	No mar cotes shin ta
Will you do this	
What are you doing	Stem tlar Skole
Where is he	chane
Where has he gone	
Is not that my horse	Tamar in Cotl sene
Is it your daughter	Ars Stum chi aam

Is it —— (?)	Ars – Co. Say
Bring water	Sene le molish
Bring wood	scar mean ish
Make a fire	or lu Sinse
Put out the fire	or clip Sinse
Go to Bed	Etch cha
Get up	Kilt to nay
Wash yourself	Cult. son. is (?) See
Comb your hair	ush kine ish
Put on a clean shirt	Cotle Sailk ish
Hand me some water	Cotle molish
Go and eat	Hoish quis (?) Eatlim (?)
That will do	Sha Hoie
Go Home	(L(?) – who – you E) (E. (?) Hoish)
Stay here	(no translation)
Sit down	Clark Silsh
Stay There	Colt See
Stop	L – Shayse
Stay	(no translation)
Come Soon	Ic quort Lai
Come in	Sin olt Lish (Sish?)
Go catch me a horse	Cote Sarl Silt
Give me	Squaint
Take this	quaint
Be quick	Quilt La
Speak (That is for one person)	(no translation)
Speak (" " " a number)	(no translation)
Say it again, or Repeat it	(no translation)
Be still	(no translation)
Come	Scooe (Scooc?)
Go	Hoe (Hoc?)
Walk	(no translation)
Run	(no translation)
Make it	Coal Ent
Go Quick	War me
Whipping	Ki E quint
Me to	Neck – E – Coya
It is made to Small	L – Co, Co, Yo, me
Fill the Pipe	In ta Kishi
Open the Door	Cotelano che hare pint
Shut the Door	Cotelano coue pint
The Night is dark	L Sco cr Ets E Chim
The Night is Light	L Sco cr Etc E hail
Go catch me a horse	Cote que Sarl Silt
Anyone no difference which	Che Seam cote Sarts Seam Se que Sart Seam
Will I put wood on the fire	Ixe scar mean
He is There	A – Mote
Take your choice	In qua naish
We are going home	Ar kilt ho

By and By	Qua Nai
Never mind	Ilt see
No matter	Elt Tar
Good morning	(no translation)
Good Night	(no translation)
My friend	E. Sl. ark it
I am going	(no translation)
Now "or to" Day	Etl Quar
To Morrow	nec Kol Leap
To Night	Nec E – Co Etr (?)
To Day (or Now)	Etl Quar
Yesterday	Spete Sar
Younger Brother	E Sinsa
Elder Brother	In Kicht
We are all friends	Shay iss in qualu
Are we not friends	Jama iss in qualu
I am going home	Ar – T – Nelt – Ho
You need not do it	Hors Squa
I am making a whip	S Scolum Kih Ho men
I will go with you	Nem shin seen
Over Yonder	Chitl(chitt?) ope opea
Do you want to smoke	Tamox S men hu
Gallop along	Carx cotle shin

APPENDIX H

A Synopsis of the Recorded Legal History of the Fort and of John Owen's Land Claim

Owen bought St. Mary's Mission from Father Joset, who was empowered by the Jesuit Missionaries to act in their behalf, on November 5, 1850. That bill of sale was filed for record in Missoula County, Montana, on January 23, 1871, and the entry is found in Book A of Deeds, page 110.

On July 9, 1869, Owen mortgaged the Fort, mill, and all other improvements and buildings, and all the land, supposed to be 640 acres, to W. J. McCormick, for $4,080. This mortgage was to secure payment of a promissory note for $4,080 dated July 7, 1869, and due on January 1, 1870, which note bore interest at the rate of three per cent per month. If the note was not paid the property could be sold and the balance of the proceeds if any, after deducting the principal and interest of the note, was to be paid to Owen, his heirs or assigns.

On November 22, 1869, Owen filed claim to and appropriated all the water of Burnt Fork Creek for mill purposes, to the exclusion of all other claimants, from a point a short distance above P. M. Lafontaine's ranch. Recorded in Book A of Water Rights, page 46.

On February 14, 1870, Owen gave a mortgage on the entire Fort property to Thomas W. Ackley to secure a note of even date for $20,000, payable one year after date with interest at six per cent. Recorded on February 15, 1870, in Volume 6 of Mortgages, page 48.

Owen failed to pay the promissory note for $4,080 and McCormick brought suit for $5,229.31 on June 21, 1871. Owen put in no answer. Judgment was entered against Owen for the amount claimed, and the Court ordered that all or part of the property might be sold at public auction to satisfy the claim.

On January 30, 1871, Judge Knowles of the District Court ordered the Sheriff to sell the Fort property within sixty days.

Sheriff Pelky levied on the property on February 1, 1871.

Sheriff Pelky certified on February 23, 1871, that the sale was postponed without day by order of W. T. McCormick.

Owen, on March 20, 1871, granted, demised, and to farm let, all the Fort, mill, property and water rights involved, until June 1, 1872, to J. A. Nichols, for one-half of all net proceeds of all crops of every kind and one-half of all net proceeds derived from the operation of the mill. Owen, in the meantime, to have free use of his living quarters in the Fort. At the expiration of the period stated Owen agreed to give to Nichols the entire property. Above filed on September 27, 1871, and recorded in Book A of Deeds, page 200.

On December 5, 1872, Judge Knowles again ordered the Sheriff to sell the Fort property within sixty days.

Sheriff Marion levied on the property on December 7, 1872.

The Sheriff sold the property in one parcel on December 30, 1872, to W. J. McCormick, the highest bidder, for $4,100.

On July 8, 1873, the property not having been redeemed, Sheriff Marion gave to McCormick a deed to the property. Filed August 25, 1874, in Book A of Deeds, page 385. Also recorded in Book Four of Deeds, page 48.)

On December 7, 1877, the United States Government issued a patent for the section (592.60 acres). This patent gave the north half of the section to Nancy, the Indian wife of Owen, and the south half to Owen. The patent was issued under the act of September 27, 1850, which provided for donations of land in Oregon to settlers, and under the supplemental act of June 5, 1872, providing for the removal of the Flathead Indians from the Bitter Root Valley. It was signed by President Hayes, and is recorded in Volume 3, page 332, in the Records of the General Land Office. Filed in Missoula on August 2, 1881, in Book C of Deeds, page 90.

Washington J. McCormick was killed at the Fort about February 3, 1889.

McCormick's estate (including the Fort Owen property and excepting 160 acres set aside as a homestead) was ordered by the court to be sold on October 18, 1894. Book D of Orders, page 155.

At the sale of the McCormick estate it was all (including the Fort Owen tract) bought by Maria T. Higgins for $16,255. The sale was confirmed by the court on March 23, 1895. Book D of Orders, page 406.

On April 10, 1905, the Montana Courts decided, in a water-rights case, that Owen, about July 1, 1852, had made an appropriation of 507 inches, statutory measure, of the waters of Burnt Fork Creek, and that later inheritors of Owen's rights had and have a right to use and enjoy that amount of water so obtained.

At the present time (1927) the title to the Fort tract is in the McCormick family of Missoula, Montana, whose senior member is Mrs. Washington McCormick (the Kate Higgins of the Journals), and whose members, in 1924, generously expressed to the editor an entire willingness to transfer title to the remaining Fort structure and the Fort site to the state of Montana, or to the Nation, for the nominal sum of one dollar, in order that the relic might become public property and receive the proper care for its preservation.

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Map No. II

A map indicating Owen's travels through the Northwest from 1851 to 1864. During that time he made thirty-four journeys by pack-train and other primitive methods whose aggregate extent was about 23,000 miles. The base map used is Colton's Washington and Oregon map of 1853, the essential topographical features and localities of which have been reproduced in India ink, in exact size, by William Wing. The red lines indicating Owen's many expeditions, and the dates accompanying them, were worked out by Professor Phillips from the data of the Journals. Owing to the large number of the expeditions the precise route of each could not be shown in all cases, and the red travel lines drawn by the architect must in such instances be interpreted simply as close approximations of the routes traversed between the points indicated.

MAP II

WASHINGTON AND OREGON

SCALE OF MILES
20 10 0 20 40 60 80

BRITISH POSSESSIONS

TERRITORY OF MONTANA

TERRITORY OF UTAH

TERRITORY OF CALIFORNIA

PACIFIC OCEAN

VANCOUVER ISLAND

FORT COLVILLE

FORT OKONAGAN

COLUMBIA RIVER

SEATTLE

OLYMPIA

COLUMBIA R.

FORT VANCOUVER

PORTLAND

THE DALLES

WALLA WALLA

GREAT PLAIN OF THE COLUMBIA

LEWIS FORK

STEP LAKE

PEND D'OREILLE

COEUR D'ALENE

PLAT HEAD LAKE

IGNATIUS

PEND D'OREILLE MISSION

LEWIS & CLARKS PASS

BITTER ROOT MOUNTAINS

FORT OWEN

GATE

CANTONMENT STEVENS

NEZ PERCE PASS

SNAKE RIVER OR LEWIS FORK OF THE COLUMBIA

GRANDE RONDE

NORTH BRANCH OF SALMON R.

WAILLATPU OR CAYUS

SHOSHONE OR SNAKES

Boisean

Rogue River

MISSOURI RIVER

FORT BENTON

CADOTTER PASS

GATES OF THE MOUNTAINS

HALL GATE PASSES

ROCKY MOUNTAINS

THREE TETONS

THREE BUTTES

Fort Hall

Cantonment Loring

Snake River or Lewis Fork

SOUTH PASS 7489FT

Fort Bridger

GREAT SALT LAKE

1854 1855 1857 1858 1860 1862 1867

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